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Stores could soon be brought back into life

TWO shops that have stood empty in Oswestry town centre for several years have been put up for let.

It is hoped that the move will attract new tenants to the former Clinton Cards shop and neighbouring Dorothy Perkins store in Cross Street — and see a boost to the local economy.

Both units are being marketed by estate agents Halls. Rebecca Welch, from Halls Commercial, said the future looked promising for both shops, revealing there had been good interest in the properties already.

Mrs Welch said the details of both buildings have been circulated to potential buyers, as well as appearing on the company's website and via property portals.

Oswestry Mayor Peter Cherrington said: "I'm absolutely delighted that action is going forward and something is happening at long last with these two shops. I'm excited to hear there's been interest already and that Halls are now actively engaged in marketing the shops."

Dorothy Perkins closed in September 2011, while Clinton Cards closed a few months later, reopening for a few weeks as a different card shop before closing again.

Meanwhile, retail and leisure property specialists Emanuel Oliver is marketing the former B-Wise store on Cross Street.

The property had stood empty for more than a decade before it was bought as part of a property portfolio and underwent an extensive refurbishment programme last year that alleviated flooding in the basement and holes in the roof. It was then placed on the market and sold at Christmas. It is now available on a leasehold basis and is being marketed as a shop, but with the potential with a change of use to become a restaurant as well.

COUNCIL VOWS TO TACKLE YOBS

Report by Naomi Penrose

COUNCILLORS in Welshpool have vowed to continue their fight against anti-social behaviour and street drinking.

Yobbish behaviour has spiralled in recent weeks with human excrement found at the town's railway station and the discovery of a urine-filled fridge in a doorway in Berriew Street.

A mother also took to social media to reveal her baby's buggy was spat at by a man sat on a bench drinking cider with his friends.

Welshpool Town Council has been calling for an alcohol control order to restrict street drinking but has not received the necessary backing from Dyfed-Powys Police and Powys County Council.

Phil Pritchard

Town Clerk Robert Robinson said: "The problem is it's just five or six people causing the hassle, we need to find out how we deal with that."

Mr Robinson said he is now looking to arrange a meeting with the Welsh Government in a bid to combat the problems.

Welshpool county councillor Phil Pritchard said: "The people of Welshpool feel it's not their own town anymore. Elderly people should be able to walk the streets of Welshpool in total safety, and at the moment they are very reticent."

Councillor John Powell, Powys County Council's cabinet member for community safety, said the authority had received several requests from the town council for the alcohol control order but said it had to be backed by the police.

Temporary Inspector Andrew Griffiths confirmed the police did not back the application for an alcohol control order, insisting last year's alcohol related crime figures were the lowest in around 15 years. He said: "A considerable amount of multi-agency working has taken place to reduce alcohol related issues in Welshpool, and we are pleased that evidence demonstrates that this has been effective." He said offending mostly occurred on weekends between the hours of 11pm to 1am, and said the order "would not assist with these issues" but added the situation would be monitored.

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Youngsters' charity walk is a blooming great idea

Jayne Middleton with young walkers, from left, Owen Williams, Grace Brydges, Joshua Phibin and Morgan Wix. Photo: Steve Leath.

THESE youngsters put their best foot forward to help the worldwide battle to eradicate polio.

Pupils from a number of schools across the Oswestry area walked a lap of the main footpath around the town's Cae Glas Park to raise money for the campaign.

Money raised will go to Rotary's international Crocus Appeal. Purple crocus has been adopted as the organisation's logo for fundraising for the worldwide polio eradication campaign, and the flower was chosen as the purple colour matched the dye painted on the fingers of children who have been immunised.

Pupils from Whittington Primary School, Our Lady and St Oswald's School and Bellan House all took part in the sponsored walk organised by the Rotary Club of Oswestry.

They walked past a host of purple crocuses planted by club members to highlight the appeal. The bulbs were planted for the first crocus walk three years ago and the flowers have now spread in the Welsh Walls area of the park.

Jayne Middleton from the Rotary Club of Oswestry said the children all completed the walk in the winter sunshine.

"We are very grateful to the schools who took part," she said.

Whittington Church of England Primary School has just launched the Rotary group's first RotaKids club. Mrs Middleton said: "RotaKids is a way to encourage young people to embrace the Rotary club ethos at a young age.

"It is great to see children getting involved in helping others."

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Rugby spectator seriously injured in goalpost accident

A MAN was taken to hospital with serious head injuries after a goal post fell on top of him while he watched a junior rugby match involving a team from Oswestry.

The victim was hurt when the post fell during an under-11s friendly match at Shrewsbury Rugby Club's Sundorne Castle ground on Sunday. The injured man, who is in his 40s, was a parent whose child was playing for Oswestry.

All future games at Shrewsbury RFC have been postponed while an investigation is carried out. Officials at both Oswestry and Shrewsbury rugby clubs have wished the man a speedy recovery.

Steve Charmley, president of Oswestry Rugby Club said: "I spoke to the family on Monday night and they said he is showing signs of improvement.

"As I understand it he will make a full recovery and we are hoping for the best for him and we wish him a speedy recovery."

Chris Kowalik, spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service, said: "On arrival, ambulance staff were told the man, believed to be in his 40s, had suffered a head injury after a rugby post had fallen on him.

"An off duty trauma surgeon was in attendance and had already started treating the patient prior to the crew's arrival. Ambulance staff continued treating the man before transporting him to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital."

RETAIL

New B&M shop will bring a jobs boost

MORE than 70 new jobs will be created after plans for a new shop were approved by planning bosses.

Powys County Council's planning committee approved the plans for a new B&M store in Welshpool, next to the town's Tesco supermarket.

The applicant, Bill Sarre from TJL UK Ltd, based in Jersey, said the B&M shop would need 28 full-time employees and 42 part-time employees, and there would be further jobs created by another shop unit once a tenant has been found.

Welshpool Town Council was in favour of the development.

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Orthopaedic hospital needs to improve, say inspectors

Report by Pam Kingsley

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital has been told it needs to improve after an inspection by the Care Quality Commission.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, was rated as "good "for whether its services were caring and rated as "requires improvement" for whether its services were safe, responsive, effective and well-led.

A team of inspectors and specialists spent four days at the trust in October. CQC's chief inspector of hospitals, Professor Sir Mike Richards, said: "Whilst we found many examples of safe practice within medical care, there were inconsistencies across the service. For example, the varied and incomplete reporting and monitoring of near misses and patient safety incidents that could cause patient harm.

"The outpatients' service was also a concern because it was not offering patients timely access to services and there was a significant backlog of patients waiting for appointments. In addition, staff, particularly consultant medical staff were not following national best practice to reduce the risk of infection. We have seen, however, that some progress has already been made across several areas and we found many areas of good practice that staff should be proud of. We were particularly impressed by the professionalism and efficiency of the surgical department which we rated as good overall."

John Grinnell, acting chief executive at the hospital trust, said: "We recognise this as a fair and balanced report. It contains many compliments for the terrific job our dedicated teams are doing but also raises some issues that we must improve upon. It is important we do not attempt to gloss over these, but instead respond with clear and positive action plans – and that is exactly what we are doing. I am delighted that the CQC recognised the commitment of our staff across the hospital in rating us as 'good' for caring. This came as no surprise to me, as I see this every day when I talk to our staff and patients. Good care is at the heart of what we do so it is an important message to take out of this report, that this is an area where we are most definitely getting it right. Clearly there are areas where we can and must improve."

Clever Selina has a world of knowledge

Moreton Hall School student Selina Schoelles has achieved the highest score in Britain for her IGCSE in geography

STUDENT Selina Schoelles has the world in her hand – after achieving the best geography exam mark in Britain.

Not just that, but she managed to achieve 98 per cent despite the fire alarm going off half way through the exam.

The teenager, from Neen Solars, in South Shropshire boasted the highest International GCSE mark throughout the UK.

Now she has been recognised by the Royal Geographical Society for her achievement with an excellence award.

Selina, 17, a pupil at Moreton Hall School, near Oswestry, said news of her first place came out of the blue.

"I couldn't believe it. I was in shock," she said. "We sit our exams in the school hall and halfway through geography the fire alarm went off. We must have been outside for about five minutes before we were told it was a false alarm and we could go back to our desks."

She said she couldn't remember many of the questions. The GSCE was one of 12 she sat, gaining A* in each one.

"I know there was a question on the rainforests, but not much else," she added.

Despite her result Selina did not choose geography as one of her A-level subjects, choosing history, English and Ancient Greek instead.

"It shows just how good our geography, teacher, Mr Nanson, is that even though it wasn't my favourite subject he inspired me to do so well," she said.

John Nanson, who has been teaching for 43 years, said he was very pleased for Selina. He said: "It was a pleasure to teach her. She has an enquiring mind and was always asking questions."

Two years ago another of Moreton Hall's pupils, Phoebe Griffiths had the best mark in the country for A Level geography.

Mr Nanson said that the International GCSE was a rigorous exam that included two exam papers and coursework. He said: "It prepares students for university and the independent learning they do there."

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Two in court over skate park event

TWO people facing charges arising from the death of a teenager have appeared in court.

Crispin Wrigley, 39, from Cabin Lane, Oswestry and Krissy Simonds, 33, of the same address, face 32 charges of failing to comply with any requirements imposed by an inspector in relation to an event held at Academy Skate Park, at Rednal Industrial Estate near Oswestry on October 31, 2014. The charges were brought by Shropshire Fire and Rescue.

Wrigley also faces a charge of perverting the course of justice in that he failed to tell police investigating the death of Matthew Jones on November 1, 2014, of the existence of the basement area, where he first collapsed and then tidied and cleaned up. The charge is brought by West Mercia Police. He faces two further charges of carrying out an unauthorised licensable activity and selling alcohol at an unauthorised premises. These charges were brought by Shropshire Council. Magistrates in Shrewsbury on Thursday last week released the pair on unconditional bail and they will appear at Shrewsbury Crown Court on March 22.

Mr Jones, 20, of Johnstown, near Wrexham, died after celebrating a party at the skate park.

He was taken ill at the party and taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, but was later pronounced dead.

Man injured in late night attack

A MAN suffered serious head injuries after an early hours assault.

The victim – a man is his 30s – left Gibsons nightclub in New Street, Oswestry, shortly before the assault took place, which resulted in him being taken to hospital.

The incident occurred sometime between 3am to 4am during the early hours of February 21, in Clawdd Du alleyway between Willow Street and Bailey Street.

PC Dave Wagg, who is investigating the assault, said: "This was an unprovoked assault on the victim which has resulted in him sustaining serious injuries and being left unconscious.

"Somebody may have seen or heard something of this incident as it would have been busy in the general area with people leaving Gibsons nightclub and waiting for taxis at the end of the evening."

Residents shocked by chemical barrels alert

Report by Naomi Penrose

RESIDENTS spoke of their shock at discovering four barrels suspected of holding hazardous chemicals had been dumped in woodland right behind their homes.

A major investigation was launched after the drums were found in the woodland used by dog walkers behind Glentworth Close in Morda, near Oswestry, on Tuesday afternoon.

Claire Eke and her two children, aged 11 and nine, had to be evacuated from their home, following the discovery at around 4.30pm until 7pm, once police, firefighters and the Environment Agency had left the scene.

Ms Eke said: "We were the only ones to be evacuated as it was right outside the back of our house.

"We were scared, we didn't know what was going on. We could see lights then we were just told get out now as toxic chemicals had been dumped in the woods and we could be infected. Thankfully they were sealed so it wasn't as bad as they'd thought to begin with but it was still scary."

The cul-de-sac was cordoned off while firefighters tried to establish what was in the sealed containers and whether the area was safe.

A dog also fell ill in the area while investigations were being carried out and later died.

But fire service chiefs said there is not believed to be a link between the animal's death and the containers.

Aside from Ms Eke, residents were asked to stay indoors and keep windows and doors closed as a precaution.

The drums, which were found by a dog walker,were secured by firefighters and stored safely at the scene overnight.

Ian Leigh, station manager at Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, confirmed the barrels had not leaked.

It is not known yet what is in the containers.

Mark Blount, Shropshire Council's parks and greenspace team leader, said: "Following Environment Agency 'handover', Shropshire Council officers will photograph the dumped barrels so that we can inform our waste contractor Veolia to make the necessary arrangements and remove them as soon as possible."

Call for cut in allowances rejected

Oswestry South Councillor Duncan Kerr, who questioned the allowances paid to members at his first meeting

THE leader of Shropshire Council has rejected a call for a 10 per cent cut in councillors' allowances.

The call had come from new Oswestry South Councillor Duncan Kerr, who used his first full council meeting to question why the authority's basic council allowance of £11,500 was higher than other councils such as Telford & Wrekin, where it starts at £7,800.

Speaking before the meeting he said: "The allowance for Shropshire councillors starts at £11,514 per annum. This is considerably higher than allowances in neighbouring counties. For example Herefordshire councillors receive less than half the Shropshire allowance, just £5,400 a year. In Telford & Wrekin the figure is £7,870, while in Staffordshire councillors award themselves £9,072.

"Elsewhere in the country allowances are even lower. In another unitary county, Rutland, they are just £3,799 meaning that Rutland councillors are three times more cost effective than Shropshire councillors."

However, in response to the call Councillor Malcolm Pate, leader of the council, said: "You will find that when you have been in the council for a while that it is a very onerous task.

"You are paid just a portion of what an officer would be paid for the same job.

"The days when councillors came to meetings, opened their minutes, then went home, is long gone. It is a full time job now.

"How will you attract people into the council if they are married? They kill their pension, they kill their promotion prospects and their salary.

"I suggest that when you have been here a bit longer you will understand those issues."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Assurances given on station closure

THE closure of a town ambulance station should not have any impact on the level of cover the area receives, residents have been told.

Chirk ambulance station in Station Avenue is due to close later this year following construction of a new £15 million building in Wrexham town centre, 10 miles away.

Karl Hughes, ambulance service locality manager, said the decision was made to make the service more efficient and to provide better coverage.

He said that roadside cover will increase and there will be a deployment point near to the Halton roundabout – a notorious accident blackspot. He added: "Two per cent of life threatening emergencies have come up in Chirk so there will be deployment points where Chirk can be easily covered."

Bluff event to take place in village

AN evening of quizzing and deception is planned at an upcoming Call My Bluff event.

Taking place on March 12 at Weston Rhyn Institute, those attending will find out which of the area's three local "celebrities" will give the correct definition of weird and wacky words.

Teams of up to four will take part.

Entry is £2.50 per person, with nibbles provided. However bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided.

The event, which starts at 7.30pm, is in aid of Weston Rhyn Institute and the Good Companions.

Tickets are available at Weston Rhyn Post Office or on the door.

For further details contact Sue Bennett on (01691) 773453.

Accused denies rape allegation

A MAN from Oswestry has appeared in crown court and denied a charge of rape.

Martin Shortman, of Maple Avenue in Oswestry, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Friday last week to deny the allegation.

Shortman was charged with one count of rape relating to an incident last year.

The 23-year-old pleaded not guilty to the allegation.

The case was adjourned for trial on October 3.

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Literary events proving to be hottest tickets in town

Report by Pam Kingsley

TICKETS are being snapped up for Oswestry Literary Festival — and some events have already sold out.

This year's Oswestry LitFest has more events for younger readers when it takes place from March 17 to 20.

But one of the children's events, a Winnie the Pooh story picnic due to be held at the town's library, is already fully booked, as is an evening with crime writer Kate London talking about her debut novel Post Mortem.

Highlights of the line-up include ex-Blue Peter star turned novelist Janet Ellis, who will be giving a question and answer session on the closing night – Star Sunday – on her debut novel The Butcher's Hook.

The festival will also showcase new musical theatre work on the life story of English poet and novelist Philip Larkin called Larkin' About, featuring Archers stars Sunny Ormonde and John Teller.

Festival director Carrie Morris said: "The festival has always put great emphasis on inspiring the next generation through inviting storytellers and leading children's authors into local schools."

"But on top of that, on the Saturday, we are running a bevy of storytelling events across the town for toddlers and children to enjoy."

On the Saturday, March 19, under fives are invited to attend a storytime session and meet special guests Pip and Posy, created by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler, at 9am and 4pm at Baby Bird Café.

At 11am is a magical Shine a Light story session with Carron Brown and Georgina Tee.

Using torches, the storytellers bring alive the magic that books can offer. Aimed at children aged five to seven, the session will show how the books are made and offer a chance to make a shine-a-light picture to take home.

After a break for lunch, at 1pm whodunit fans aged from nine are in for a treat with an exciting session by author Katherine Woodfine. The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow is Katherine's debut novel and has been shortlisted for a number of prizes.

Then at 2pm, Matt Hatter Chronicles creator Simon Furman will present a special illustrated look at the world of Matt Hatter, an extraordinary 13-year old boy who battles monsters and super villains made real in a hidden dimension known as the Multiverse.

On the Sunday, there will be a production of The Railway Children by Image Musical Theatre at The Marches School at 2.30pm.

For details of the full LitFest programme call Booka Bookshop on (01691) 662244.

Warning is given over roadworks

PEOPLE living near to a planned wind farm in Mid Wales have been warned to expect disruption on the road.

Works are being carried out on the A483 to make the carriageway suitable to carry the large lorries needed to transport the turbines.

Road works are taking place in four different locations along the A483.

And there will be further work planned until the end of July ahead of work beginning at the Garreg Lwyd Hill wind farm, near Llanbadarn Fynydd.

The first set of work will see the road widened south of Newtown.

And there will be three passing places put in north of Welshpool, half way between Welshpool and Newtown, and south of Dolfor, not far from the site entrance currently under construction.

Work is being carried out Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 5.30pm with temporary traffic lights used on the road.

The project is being carried out by Renewable Energy Systems Limited.

Samantha Mayes, spokeswoman for RES, said: "The small team of workers will make every effort to keep the temporary disruption to a minimum.

"We will also continue to write directly to identified residents and businesses along sections of the A483 which may potentially be impacted by the planned upgrade works – which will vary in terms of impact and duration – to provide advance notice as the programme moves forward."

Sacha selfie a treat for Paige

Film actor and comedian Sacha Baron Cohen with Paige Richards

TEENAGER Paige Richards found the perfect tonic for one of her regular hospital visits – a date on the red carpet with actor Sacha Baron Cohen.

The 19-year-old from Trewern, near Welshpool, not only managed to persuade the star of the new film Grimsby to use her phone to take a selfie of them, but also found herself featured in a video on his Instagram page.

Paige has to visit London regularly for check-ups on her painful condition, a rare form of cysts on her spine. Her family last week decided to turn the trip into a birthday celebration for her mum, Nikki, which included a meal out in the Leicester Square area where they had the chance to watch stars arrive for the Grimsby premiere. Nikki said "We were right at the front and When Sacha Baron Cohen arrived, Paige shouted to him that her phone battery was running out and he was fantastic. He came over and posed for a selfie. She was absolutely delighted. Then we started getting texts from friends to say that he had put a video up on his Instagram with Paige on it."

As well as posing for selfies with the Ali G star, Paige also managed to get a snap with actress Isla Fisher. Paige said: "Usually trips to London are an emotional time for me because of my condition but this was such a lift. To think I went to a film premiere, and had selfies with Borat and Isla Fisher. I still can't believe it now."

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Inspectors say 'inadequate' college needs to improve

Report by James Pugh

OSWESTRY'S North Shropshire College has been ordered to improve after being branded inadequate by government inspectors.

The college has received the worst possible rating from Ofsted following a visit last month.

Bosses at the college, which will now be monitored closely, said they were disappointed by the findings but an action plan has already been put into place for it to improve.

Inspectors criticised the college's current financial state as well as the arrangements that are put in place to assure the safety and welfare of students.

But inspectors did praise the college for its partnership working and adult learning programmes.

The inspection report said: "Arrangements to assure the safety and welfare of young people and vulnerable adults are ineffective; procedures to ensure learners are safe are incomplete and they are not implemented consistently.

"Governors, leaders and managers have failed to secure sufficiently rapid improvements for learners in the quality of education that they receive since the two previous inspections; standards vary too much by course, programme type and setting.

"Too few learners aged 16 to 19 who retake GCSE maths or English successfully achieve an A* to C grade."

But the report added: "Partnership working is good, particularly with the local enterprise partnership (LEP), which helps to ensure that the curriculum supports local and regional skills needs.

"Adult learning programmes effectively develop learners' skills and confidence and support many to progress into employment.

"Leaders have a good understanding of regional skills needs and work effectively with the local enterprise partnership."

College principal Jackie Doodson said: "Although the results of our recent inspection by Ofsted are disappointing, we have already put into place an action plan to tackle the areas highlighted for improvement. The report highlights many strengths and acknowledges the improvements made so far, but our focus now is on strengthening our teaching and learning, which will help us to improve on our above national average success rates.

"The safety and wellbeing of our students is paramount and although two administrative errors were highlighted in safeguarding, no students were ever put at risk. We have already taken steps to tackle this issue.

"We are working hard to continue on our journey of improvement, which is recognised by Ofsted, and we will ensure this process takes place quickly."

● Busy – See Page 30

Battle over hillfort plan to continue

A PETITION to stop homes being built close to Oswestry's ancient hillfort has been revived – after the issue was highlighted by comedian Griff Rhys Jones.

The petition was started three years ago when it was first mooted that land in the shadow of Old Oswestry should be used for housing.

Now, after the hillfort featured in ITV's Griff's Great Britain earlier this month, the online petition has surfaced again.

More than 8,600 have now signed the Change.org petition.

It calls on the north planning committee of Shropshire Council to withdraw proposals to build houses near the Iron Age hillfort. The petition says: "We are all mere custodians of this precious ancient monument and future generations will thank us for standing back and making a decision that fully respects our heritage."

Old Oswestry Iron Age hillfort is said to be the best preserved Iron Age hillfort in Britain.

The petition added: "Rather than build modern houses in its shadow, we should look at developing this heritage asset for the town and visitors to appreciate for generations to come."

Members of the Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort campaign group met at the weekend to discuss the next stage in their battle against the homes plan. The homes proposal is included in Shropshire Council's SAMDev development plan.

New lease of life for station

The Studio People has made its home at Criggion. The firm's managing director Peter Keeling is pictured at the company's base.

THE site of the Criggion Radio Station on the Shropshire/Powys border is being given a new lease of life.

In its heyday the transmitting station sent telephone and telegraph message across the world – including those destined for Britain's fleet of submarines. All four of the buildings are now owned privately.

One building, Shortwave B, is now the home of studio design specialists, Studio People, and another, the Long Wave building, about to be turned into a home, subject to planning permission.

It is the latest chapter in the life of the site. Barry Jones, 81, from Oswestry, who worked there from 1951 until 1977, says there are many misconceptions about Criggion.

He says it certainly wasn't a secret station, although some of the messages that were transmitted there were secret, for example those transmitted by the military. He said: "It was a transmitting station sending signals to places around the world, both telephony and telegraph. We even had Morse code equipment and 'Hellscribers' which used punched hole paper and which were the forerunner of the computer. We also transmitted facsimiles, picture images, which took an age to send." When it was at its busiest the station employed about 150 people.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

I have rarely felt so angry as I did at the news that police deliberately ran over a dog that was running loose on the A55 in North Wales. It seems the police were unable to catch the foxhound and one officer was bitten. So a decision was taken to run over the terrified animal on the dual carriageway.

It's very understandable when the police say the animal's presence on the road had the potential to cause a serious accident but this was the early hours of the morning when surely it would have been OK to temporarily close the stretch of road.

The North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner is looking into the incident and the force has referred the case to the Independent Police Complaints Commission – but it should never have happened.

And claiming the owner has backed the decision is simply no defence, nor is claiming the decision was not taken lightly. There really is no defence for taking a calculated decision to mow down and kill a terrified animal in this way. It's little wonder that animal protection groups have been voicing their fury but I'll be surprised if the Independent Police Complaints Commission doesn't come down in support of the officers' decision on safety grounds. But that doesn't mean they made the right decision and no-one will ever convince me otherwise.

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Overhearing a conversation in a hospital waiting room proved a harrowing experience and brought home just how precious life really is and how grateful we should be to have our own health. After emerging in tears from a consultant's room a lady was telling her concerned friend the news that her cancer was terminal and there was nothing more the doctors could do for her. But she was not concerned for herself.

No, her biggest concern was how she could tell her children the tragic news and of how they would manage once she was gone. A selfless and amazing response to such tragic news and a reminder to us all of the fine line we walk in life.

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Road users through the Oswestry and Welshpool area are in for an interesting summer with news that a convoy of three massive articulated lorries will be travelling through every day in July and August.

The convoys will be carrying huge parts for a Mid Wales windfarm and will travel from Chester on the Oswestry by-pass, through Pant and Llanymynech and straight through Welshpool town centre on the way to Tirgwynt between Cefn Coch and Carno. Now forgive me if I'm wrong but isn't that the busiest part of the year on the roads in this area with holidaymakers?

The scene of the fatal road collision at Preston Brockhurst in 2012

Emergency services were called to the scene of the fatal collision in 2012

Kieran Moore-Hughes, 25, of Shrewsbury tragically lost his life in the terrible collision

Lives are devastated by horrific road collision

Former 999 driver Nicola Hughes tells of the impact a fatal crash has had on her. REBECCA KING reports

AS an ambulance driver, Nicola Hughes was called to the scene of hundreds of crashes and helped rush patients to hospital in their hours of need.

But the 48-year-old from Llanymynech near Oswestry had no idea she would be involved in one that would leave her out of work, struggling to walk, and recovering for years.

In 2012, Miss Hughes had been taking a patient to hospital when she was herself involved in a fatal crash.

"I was working for the West Midlands Ambulance Service and we had been to an RTC in Whitchurch," she said.

"We had been bringing a patient back. But the rest that I know is what I have been told – I can't remember anything from leaving Whitchurch and getting into the cab.

Hospital

"The next thing I knew I was waking up in Birmingham Hospital.

"We had come down the A49, and just come into Preston Brockhurst. I always drive the speed limit, if not lower when there is someone in the back because we have to try and make it as comfortable for the patient as possible. She was fully immobilised.

"But they said this car came from nowhere. A young lad was overtaking and he was going in the direction of Whitchurch."

Miss Hughes had been involved in a crash that tragically killed 25-year-old Kieran Moore-Hughes, of Heath Farm, Shrewsbury.

Nicola Hughes has faced a long battle back to health following the tragedy

The inquest into his death back in 2012 heard that his blue Volkswagen Golf collided head-on with the ambulance, and had been on the wrong side of the road trying to overtake.

Evidence had suggested Mr Moore-Hughes had been speeding, and he had died of multiple injuries.

Miss Hughes said: "I was just coming out of Preston Brockhurst when we met him, I remember my colleague was standing up.

"I think there was a huge impact when his car hit the ambulance.

"The patient in the ambulance was fine, she was on an immobiliser board, so she barely felt a thing.

"But she was the only person who was conscious through the whole thing.

"The ambulance had buckled. They couldn't get the back doors open to get my colleague out who had been knocked unconscious. My cab had been completely crushed.

"When I braked the impact of his car pushed my cab back inwards and my leg went through my pelvis.

"It was completely shattered."

Miss Hughes said the accident had been horrifying, and she was still recovering years later.

Having to learn to walk again, giving up her job, and losing contact with some friends and family had been some of the hardest points in her life.

She said: "My recovery is going to be ongoing forever now.

"They said it would be about three years but I would add another six to 12 months on to that as it will be four years soon.

"I had to completely learn to walk again.

"It wasn't a normal hip replacement as they had to rebuild the right side of my pelvis. I came home for three months but then it shattered and I had to have a hip replacement.

"It was really hard for me, I was stuck at home 24 hours a day.

"In the circumstances of the work it is something ambulance crews get used to but never know about afterwards.

"I think it is something they could do with being talked to about.

"They go to so many accidents, but they can't know the impact of the incident after. They never see a patient afterwards.

"I went back to work for the service in 2013, but I had to stop soon after that.

"I found that I had been used to carrying heavy patients down a staircase but I was struggling with light ladies after the accident.

Hardest

"I have been looking ever since for something I can do. Leaving that job was the hardest thing I have done in my life. I always loved doing it."

Earlier this year the A49, which runs from Whitchurch to Ludlow, was named Shropshire's deadliest road after figures show a third of fatal accidents had happened on the trunk road over a three-year period.

Last year two people died on the same stretch between Hadnall and Preston Brockhurst within just two months.

Miss Hughes said: "I had never been to an RTC myself on that road but I do know it was known as a bad road.

"I did drive down that road once I got back in the car to see if I got any flashbacks or anything. I just couldn't understand how he couldn't see me – it is so tragic that he lost his life.

"And now my life has completely changed.

"There are so many accidents down that road. I don't know what they will do about it to make it any easier, maybe they could have double white lines to stop people overtaking."

WORKING FOR YOU

I am pleased to be supporting National Apprenticeship Week 2016 in North Shropshire this month. We will all benefit from an increasing number of quality apprenticeships on offer as the Government heads toward its target of three million apprenticeship starts nationwide by 2020.

Providing young people with the best start to get on in life and have a rewarding career is incredibly important. Apprenticeships can give young people the opportunity to learn valuable skills while earning at the same time. They are proven to raise the productivity of the businesses they join. Skills Minister Nick Boles summarised "apprenticeships are at the heart of the Government's drive to equip people with the skills employers want and need".

Since May 2010 over 2.62 million apprenticeships have been started in England. Locally, there have been 5,740 apprenticeships in North Shropshire since 2009/2010, benefitting both businesses and young people. As a result of the hard work by Government, employers and apprentices, youth unemployment is down and the youth claimant count is at its lowest level since the 1970s. This is a remarkable achievement.

The Government is making a £1 billion commitment to deliver three million apprenticeships and 268,000 have started in this Parliament alone. To help employers, it is now cheaper for businesses to hire an apprentice. From April employers will not have to pay employer's National Insurance Contributions for apprentices under the age of 25. As part of Apprenticeship Week, there will be local events to connect employers and students interested in pursuing an apprenticeship. Shropshire Apprenticeships LIVE! will be held in Shrewsbury Town Football Ground on March 14 from 3pm. The day is sponsored by Shropshire Council and local apprenticeship promoter the Ladder for Shropshire. North Shropshire College is also doing great work in the area, increasing vocational courses, teaching practical skills such as plumbing and bricklaying.I am looking forward to seeing apprenticeships in action when I visit The Mounts, off Haroldgate in Whitchurch as part of National Apprenticeship Week to meet the carpentry apprentice on site employed by David Wilson Homes.

This year's National Apprenticeship Week takes place between March 9-13. More information can be found on www.gov.uk/naw2015. I encourage local businesses, schools, parents and students to look into the many routes, options and opportunities available.

Owen Paterson
North Shropshire MP

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IS IT CONTRAVENING DATA PROTECTION LAW IF WE SEND MARKETING TEXTS TO CUSTOMERS' MOBILES?

Q: I work for a florist. My boss told me I should start making a list of mobile phone numbers given by customers when they place an order so that we can text them with special offers at certain times of the year such as Christmas, Valentine's Day etc. I am not comfortable with this as I'm sure it contravenes Data Protection laws and we would need to get the customers' permission first. Am I right?

A: You are absolutely right. When collecting personal data from customers, such as their mobile or home phone numbers, physical address or email address, you must be completely transparent about how you intend to use the information.

Under data protection and electronic communications laws, you have a legal obligation to use personal data purely for the purposes for which you received it, i.e. for contact purposes for a customer's order. If you wish to use the information for any other purpose, for example to send marketing texts, you must inform the individual concerned upfront and seek their consent.

If you use personal data for purposes other than the use that you obtained it for then it is a breach of the data protection and electronic marketing laws and you can be prosecuted and may have to pay a substantial fine. If your boss wants to send customers information by text about special offers then you need to ask them about this at the initial point of contact and obtain their formal consent. Even then you should keep a written record for compliance purposes in the event of a complaint and you should always include an 'opt-out' with every marketing text you send.

A solicitor will be able to assist you with the drafting of any changes to your order forms and other standard commercial documents to cover these points.

Before taking on any new employees it would be advisable to seek legal advice about your employee contracts and have a clear policy on sick leave, disability leave and discretionary leave. This should include procedures that employees must follow when requesting any leave.

This question has been answered by Patrick Stevens, a Consultant with GHP Legal.

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Time the UK broke Europe's shackles

SOMETIMES, when we phone a company, we are told that the call will be monitored, "so that we can constantly improve our service".

That is an oxymoron. A company would have to be in dire straits to need to constantly improve its performance.

David Cameron's constant approaches to the EU with his begging bowl is an oxymoron too. He begs for a pittance, and we are expected to applaud and be grateful. This is demeaning for a nation which, for all its many mistakes, is nevertheless a basically proud and ethical one. We should not have to be begging favours from other countries, many of which are in no position to tell anyone what to do. Morgan Johansson, the Swedish Immigration Minister, berates us for not taking in more refugees. As though we have as much land mass and as little population as Sweden? Of course we should be taking more refugees; that is what we have always done, but we can't. Not any more; not since we have had so many economic migrants foisted on us by EU rules. We have become a "standing room only" nation, particularly in England.

EU ministers want us to stay in the EU, not because they love us, but because they fear us. If they loved us, they would abide by whatever choice we made, with their blessing, but they suspect we will actually be stronger without them, and this unsettles them; they do not have the courage to do the same.

So the status quo must be maintained, we must continue to be held in the EU prison and sustainability can go out of the window.

We can no longer be true to ourselves; we can no longer adhere to the values that have always meant so much, because we are constantly (that word again) being watered down by ridiculous EU directives.

WILL KNOTT
Shrewsbury

Drivers left looking for signs of improvement

This road sign in Gobowen was causing a bit of a rumpus in July 1968 because of its poor condition. The sign was still under guarantee and the makers had promised the county council they would repaint it, but on three occasions they had said they would do the work they had failed to turn up.

Old photograph brought back memories of town business

I HAVE been given a cutting from Page 7 of the February 11 issue of the Chronicle containing a photograph of my late mother Mrs Anne Jones, Mr Frank Holgate and Mrs May Hardman.

My grandfather, Richard Jones, started a market stall butcher's business, Richard Jones and Sons, around the turn of the 19th/20th centuries and progressed to building an impressive shop at 29 Leg Street, Oswestry. The walls were faced with contemporary tiles and his name is still to be seen on the tiled entrance doorway floor. Business flourished during the war years and eventually passed to my father Josiah and mother Anne.

The butchery business revived after cessation of rationing during the 1950s and diversified into the manufacture of pork pies in a tiled room at the rear of the premises (see photograph).

Pork pies were very much appreciated by the local populace and eventually reached the attention of a London delicatessen owner, Justin de Blanc, on a visit to Oswestry. This gentleman was so impressed that he arranged for a weekly delivery to be sold in his shop and I can remember frequently taking large boxes to Oswestry Railway Station and also seeing the article in the world wide food magazine.

RICHARD JONES
Whittington

Cuts to Navy are a worry

DODGY Dave likes to boast the nation's defences are safe in his hands, so when a Russian spy ship The Yantar sailed into UK waters off the east coast, military chiefs dispatched the only navy ship available to shadow it, a river class patrol vessel HMS Severn.

Is the Kremlin testing Britain's response with its incursions knowing the military have been hit with Dave's defence cuts?

Our fleet of warships is down to six destroyers and 13 frigates but one type 45 Destroyer and one type 23 frigate are allegedly to be laid up at Portsmouth due to lack of sailors.

With Russian submarines' intrusions into home waters and Russian bombers flying off our coasts is Dodgy Dave telling porkies when saying defences of our country are safe in his hands when he has made thousands of personnel redundant from the navy and army and RAF since 2010. Now the navy flagship HMS Ocean is to be decommissioned before its sell by date after having had a £65 million refit four years ago.

It looks as if very soon we won't have a surface fleet worthy of the name navy, forget a new Cold War, we wouldn't fancy our chances in another war.

Military chiefs in Moscow and Beijing must be splitting their sides laughing at our defences.

J POND
Shrewsbury

Don't blame our local councils for making these cuts

I CAN'T believe Mark Pritchard MP is trying to put the blame for cuts in services at the door of the Labour- controlled Telford Council.

Up and down the country councils of all persuasions are being forced to do the same due to the savage cuts imposed on them by his Government.

Despite the severity of these cuts we seem to be no nearer to clearing the national debt than when George Osborne took the reins. All that has happened is that those that have, have got more and those that haven't have even less.

As with taxes, the big boys have the finance and clout to avoid paying while the little boys haven't. Good luck to that little group of traders who have banded together to try and do the same. If they succeed it would open the door for others to follow and then there would be panic at the Treasury.

We need a fairer system of distribution, but that won't be in my lifetime I'm afraid.

TERRY HILLIER
Four Crosses

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EU is a danger to our economy

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Get us out and give us the dignity to rise or fall by our own efforts.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Hospital A&E is so important to Powys residents

I FEEL that I must join with other letter writers in support of keeping accident & emergency services in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Living over the border in Montgomeryshire this hospital has been our lifeline for years.

We have been told by members of the Welsh Assembly and some MPs that no way can Powys have a new hospital. They say our county is too poor and hasn't the population to maintain a large hospital.

Forty years ago we raised lots of money in Montgomeryshire to help towards building the Cobalt Unit in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital; this benefited both Shropshire and Montgomeryshire. Recently we have raised money towards the new haematology unit (where I have received treatment for the last 11 years and is still ongoing).

Also we have raised money towards the Lingen Davies Cancer Centre where my friend is receiving treatment.

I am sure we would raise much more if it would help to keep our A&E in Shrewsbury.

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Gwen and Alf Britchford show off their moves during the tea dance session at Oswestry's Memorial Hall

Barrie Potter and Jaqueline Rosse enjoy the dancing

Dance fans step up

Report by Naomi Penrose

ORGANISERS of a tea dance have pointed to the success of Strictly Come Dancing for the popularity of the event.

More than 30 people of a variety of ages pulled on their dancing shoes for the event at Oswestry's Memorial Hall.

Organiser Beverley Galloway said: "It was a lovely afternoon and thankfully enough people came along to make it enjoyable.

"Some people even brought along their children, so it really was an afternoon for all ages.

"Everyone had a great time.

"I've always enjoyed dance but I've never held an event like this one before but now I'm hoping to make it a more regular event on a Sunday afternoon every other month because everyone seemed to really enjoy it and commented that it was on at the perfect time for them as it wasn't too late for work the next day."

Ms Galloway said she believes people's interest in dance has grown thanks to the BBC's ballroom dancing competition Strictly Come Dancing.

Ms Galloway is also involved in organising bi-monthly 'Salsa in Os' nights which take place at Oswestry Cricket Club, which she now plans to alternate with tea dances each month.

With the help of some friends, Ms Galloway is also venturing into another style of dance by starting up weekly Lindy Hop classes. For further information call 07811 569529.

Julie Hayns, Beverley Galloway and Leona Gumbley try out a few moves on the dancefloor at Oswestry's Memorial Hall

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Meeting set to look at parks plans

AN open meeting has been called to launch a campaign against proposed closures of some parks and open spaces owned by Shropshire Council.

The meeting will involve members of green space groups and other interested parties from the Oswestry area, and has been organised by Gwyneth Tipton, from the Eastern Oswestry Greenspace Association.

Mrs Tipton said: "I work closely with Shropshire Council and it has been brought to my attention that the council has plans to make Greenspace Officers from parks and green spaces redundant by March 31, 2017, and will try to actually close some parks.

"Shaun Burkey has worked so hard in our area getting groups to take an interest in the care of these areas, with Friends of Shelf Bank, the Eastern Oswestry Greenspace Association and numerous others. Now I have arranged a meeting of all groups, including Ifton Meadow, ourselves, the Racecourse and all surrounding areas that will be effected by the Shropshire Council closures. The aim is to decide on a plan of action to fight this issue through petitions and such like." The meeting will be held on April 11 at 7.30pm at Hermon, Chapel Street.

Police appeal over burglary attempts

POLICE say there were two attempted burglaries in Oswestry.

The first took place overnight between February 18 and 19. An attached garage in High Fawr Avenue was broken into and an unsuccessful attempt made to get into the house. A second incident took place overnight between February 21 and 22, when an attempt was made to break into a house beside the B4580 Mount Road.

Booka picks up another top community accolade

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE award-winning Booka Bookshop has picked up another prize after being named a winner in the Chronicle's We Mean Business Community Award scheme.

We launched the award scheme earlier this year to recognise the incredible work many of our leading businesses do for the community in Oswestry.

All the businesses we have featured in the first six months of the We Mean Business campaign were in the running for a Community Award. Readers were asked to nominate the business they felt did the most for the community.

And taking our readers' views into consideration our judges, Chronicle associate editor Iain St John, the newspaper's advertising supervisor Beverley Thompson and Martin Wright, editor of our sister paper the Shropshire Star, were tasked to decide which three businesses should receive a Community Award. One of the three winners is Booka Bookshop from Church Street in Oswestry. Our judges were impressed by the business's commitment to community events, particularly in its support for the Oswestry Literary Festival. Carrie Morris, who runs Booka Bookshop with husband Tim, is the director of this year's festival. The business's commitment to its community was also recognised last year when it was named as the best independent bookshop in Britain.

Carrie Morris with the Chronicle trophy and certificate with Jess Taylor, Tim Morris and Ruth Brookes

NEWS IN BRIEF

Refugee event to be held at gallery

PEOPLE in Oswestry keen to give a welcome to Syrian refugees can find out how they can help at an information event on Saturday.

The Oswestry Welcomes Syrian Refugees group will host the event at the Willow Gallery Dunbabin Room from 10am to 1pm.

The group of more than 100 individuals and businesses was set up by Jools Payne from the Jools Payne Partnership, to offer mentoring, skills development and therapeutic and wellbeing services to families from Syria when they arrive.

Barbara Stafford-Cairns, member of the cross-party working group who will be attending the event, said: "I have been part of the working group since September, having joined Jools and others at the event in Oswestry at that time. Working across the public sector and in close contact with local community groups I am confident that vulnerable Syrian refugee families will be welcomed and resettled quickly in Shropshire."

Town looks for its good citizens

A TOWN has launched a search to find people who go the extra mile to help others who deserve a good citizen award.

Llanfyllin Town Council is asking people to nominate someone who should be recognised for their contribution to the town. There will be categories for over 18 and under 18, and pupils at both the town's schools are eligible even if they live outside the town itself.

Nominations should be sent to the town clerk at townclerk@llanfyllin.org or call (01691) 648293, including a name, reason and contact details.

The closing date for nominations is May 1.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tributes are paid to 999 man Phil

A POPULAR ambulance man has collapsed and died while on duty.

Phil Williams, 58, of Welshpool, was attending a call out on Tuesday last week when he fell ill.

Colleagues were unable to save him.

As tributes were paid to the emergency medical technician, Welshpool Town Council flew its flag at half mast in his honour.

Mr Williams had worked for the Welsh Ambulance Service for 30 years. He lived in Llanfechain.

Philip Pover, clinical team leader at the Welsh Ambulance Service, and Mr Williams's line manager, said: "Phil's death has come as a huge shock to us all, and we still can't believe that he's gone. Over the years, Phil helped hundreds if not thousands of people, many of whom would not be walking around Wales today if it wasn't for his skill and dedication."

Chance to show off all your talents

AN evening of entertainment is planned for Welshpool with a talent show and the selection of this year's carnival queen taking place on the same night.

Welshpool Town Council is organising the talent show on April 14 in the assembly room of the town hall at 7pm. Entrants must live, work or be educated in Welshpool, and no professional entries are allowed.

The winner will receive £50 and the option to perform at Welshpool Carnival this summer, second place will win £20 and third place will take £10. To enter the competition, register with Welshpool Town Council on (01938) 553142 or email town.clerk@welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk before April 8.

Petition launched calling for street drinking ban

Report by Naomi Penrose

A TOWN councillor has launched an online petition in a bid to ban large groups of people from drinking on the streets and public areas of Welshpool.

The move by Councillor Graham Breeze follows news that Dyfed Powys Police will not support a bid by Welshpool Town Council for an order restricting groups from drinking in public places.

Police say the situation in Welshpool has improved and there is no need for an order.

"There are parts of Welshpool that have become 'no go' areas," said Cllr Breeze. "Old and young alike are being intimidated by groups of young men drinking in public places. There are reports of young women being spat on as they take their children to school and shopkeepers are complaining that trade is affected by groups drinking outside their premises."

Police say figures suggest Welshpool's problems are on the decrease but the councillor disagrees.He said: "The people of Welshpool know how bad things are and I am urging them to sign the petition which I will personally deliver to Police & Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon when he visits Welshpool on March 17."

Temporary Inspector Andrew Griffiths said: "Dyfed-Powys Police has considered this issue carefully, but does not support the request to implement this order at this time."

The petition can be found at: https://www.change.org/p/dyfed-powys-police-police-crime-commissioner-ban-street-drinking-culture-in-welshpool

Plea made to 'get behind the daffodil'

Russell George with Marie Curie nurses Liz Pugh and Jenny Lynch Wilson

RESIDENTS in Welshpool are being urged to get behind an appeal to help Marie Curie nurses provide care and support to people living with a terminal illness.

The Great Daffodil Appeal was launched at an event at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay.

The launch saw Montgomeryshire Assembly Member, Russell George, pledge to 'get behind the daffodil' to help Marie Curie support people living with a terminal illness.

Mr George joined forces with Marie Curie nurses Liz Pugh and Jenny Lynch Wilson at the event to help launch the Great Daffodil Appeal.

The appeal is Marie Curie's biggest annual fundraising campaign.

As well lending his support to the fundraising appeal, Mr George is also encouraging people in Montgomeryshire to help the charity raise more money than ever before.

People can do this by giving a donation and wearing a Marie Curie daffodil pin.

The daffodil pins are available from volunteers across Wales, Superdrug stores, WH Smiths shops and Wyevale garden centres.

Store staff ready to be superheroes

STAFF at Welshpool's Tesco supermarket will bring out their superhero alter egos to raise money for charity.

Workers will dress up over the weekend of March 11 to 13 as part of the nationwide Superheroes fundraiser challenge for Diabetes UK and the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

The three-year partnership between the retailer and the charities aims to raise £30 million to support millions of people to eat better and get active, as well as funding the vital and ongoing work of the BHF and Diabetes UK. The store will hold a superhero-themed fancy dress day, with managers playing the role of villains. A donation will give customers the power to soak the villains with water balloons. At the front of the store customers can also enjoy Superhero mask-making and other games for children.

Sara Williams, fundraising manager, said: "There are currently thousands of people in Wales who are at increased risk of developing heart disease and Type 2 diabetes. Having Type 2 diabetes puts people at a greater risk of later developing heart and circulatory disease."

High library fine costs are revealed

MORE than £18,000 was paid in library fines in Powys last year with a further £13,000 still owed for overdue books.

Figures from Powys County Council revealed that more than 35,900 overdue loans bills were generated for late returns in 2015, equal to £18,666.

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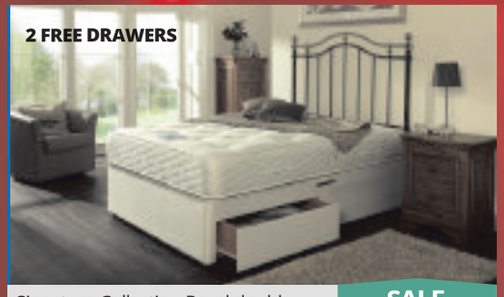

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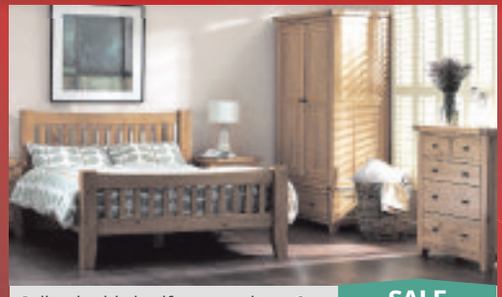

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NEWS IN BRIEF

College students to attend meeting

THE Oswestry Equality Group's March meeting will host visitors from Derwen College.

Led by Sarah Laszlo, their learner voice programme co-ordinator, the evening is titled Driving Forward Change. Penny Rice, speaking for the Equality Group said: "There is so much going on over at Derwen that we are not really aware of.

"Some people may have read about the Orange Wallet scheme by which people with learning disabilities can safely travel by train.

"They will be talking about the start of this scheme and showing their film which describes it. "Derwen also have a learner, Robin, who now sits on the further education zone committee of the National Union of Students, where he represents learners with learning difficulties and disabilities across the country."

The meeting is on Thursday next week at 7.30pm in Cabin Lane Church. A minimum donation of £1 at the door is requested to help cover costs.

Ramblers off to Rodney's Pillar

THE Welshpool Ramblers walk on Sunday will be a six-mile circular one to Rodney's Pillar led by Vic and Sandra Smith.

The route will follow a variety of tracks and paths that encompass the Breidden Forest, skirting Brimford Wood, New Pieces and Old Mills Hill before descending to the Bytherig track.

On regaining open ground, a direct but steep route will skirt around the top edge of the Quarry to the Pillar.

Meet at 9:30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Centre, from where transport may be available, or alternatively at the start of the walk in the Criggion Car Park for a 10am start. Further information can be obtained on 01691 831963.

Residents concerned about services' future

Report by Pam Kingsley

RESIDENTS have expressed concerns over the amount of services communities are being asked to pick up as a result of budget cuts by Shropshire Council.

Clive Wright, chief executive of Shropshire Council, visited Gobowen, Selattyn, Weston Rhyn and St Martins Local Joint Committee to update villagers on the council's proposals and answer questions on various aspects of the budget.

The meeting, which was well attended by residents from all four communities, near Oswestry, heard about the planned cuts in the budgets for leisure and tourism as well as the reasons behind having to make the cuts – a large reduction in the amount of money being given to the county by the government.

Weston Rhyn Parish Councillor Angela Bright said people who attended the meeting were disappointed with what they heard.

"It was really a a very good meeting, but it was a bit of a PR for everybody to go and do things. A bit like the Big Society, but because they need us to, not because we want to," she said.

"I think the council is expecting the communities to do an awful lot for themselves in the future. Clive was saying things like we should make sure we check on elderly neighbours because there could be cuts in social care. The libraries are having to be cut, and in Gobowen we've already taken on the running of the library because of that."

Councillor Bright said while everything Mr Wright said was understandable she was concerned about the impact it would have.

Group has a growing taste for success

Sue Blower, Assembly Member for Montgomeryshire Russell George, Mayor Eric Fairbrother, Ifor Humphreys and David Wilson, owner of www.VisitMontgomery.co.uk

A NEW leaflet promoting a community initiative which brings together a town's businesses has been launched.

Taste Montgomery's new leaflet and new website were celebrated at an event in the town.

Hosted by Monty's Brewery Visitor Centre at the Cottage in Montgomery, the event saw a number of Taste Montgomery businesses and community figures come together.

The aim of the event was to highlight the joint benefits of the Taste Montgomery partnership and to showcase their newly designed leaflet.

Taste Montgomery is a community initiative which brings together the strong links between its outstanding local food producers, shops, restaurants, cafes, hotels, pubs and B&Bs.

The event was opened by Montgomery town crier Sue Blower and closed with a speech by mayor of Montgomery Eric Fairbrother.

Ifor Humphreys, Taste Montgomery chairman, said: "This is an exciting time for Taste Montgomery.

"We are an active group who are are passionate about promoting Montgomery and its fantastic produce.

"We're confident our new leaflet and website will really help us spread the word."

For further information about Taste Montgomery visit: www.tastemontgomery.co.uk

Driver tells of his shock at hearing of shooting

A DRIVER who worked at Deepcut Barracks has told an inquest of his shock at hearing a young recruit had apparently shot herself, having spoken to a "bubbly" female guard near that location just minutes earlier.

John Rowney, an ex-soldier who was a civilian driver in 1995, said he had spent up to a minute-and-a-half at the gate on the morning of the 18-year-old's death on November 27 that year, and recalled sharing a joke with a female soldier.

Private Cheryl James, whose parents Des and Doreen James live at Llanymynech near Oswestry, was discovered with a fatal bullet wound in November 1995 .

The teenager was one of four recruits to die at the Army training camp in Surrey over a seven-year period.

Mr Rowney came forward seven years after her death to give a statement to police.

He accepted that he did so after seeing a Panorama programme, which had aired three days before he contacted officers, looking at Cheryl's death and questioning whether it had been a suicide.

Asked why, Mr Rowney said: "That's because I didn't believe Cheryl could have committed suicide, if it was Cheryl who dealt with me."

He said he had not come forward in the days after Cheryl's death because he expected police to come and ask people about what had happened.

An open verdict into Cheryl's death was recorded in December 1995.

He added: "I thought they (the police) must have it right.

"They must have done the investigation and whatever they say must be right otherwise they investigate more." A second inquest is taking place after High Court judges quashed the 1995 verdict.

The inquest continues.

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Businesses invited to beginners' golf contest

BUSINESSES in Shropshire are being invited to 'Swing for Bling' again this year with the return of a popular corporate golfing competition for teams of beginners.

County sports partnership Energize is bringing the event back for a second year following its huge success in 2015, as part of the Workplace Challenge programme.

It is being held at The Shropshire Golf Centre in Muxton, Telford, on May 28, when teams of four – made up of three beginners and just one experienced player – will battle for the Swing for Bling Open trophy.

All of the golfers who sign up for the challenge will receive four one-hour coaching sessions in the weeks running up to the competition, delivered by PGA professional coaches, with equipment provided.

Helen White, Business Development Officer at Energize, said: "We launched Swing for Bling last year as a fun way to support new golfers and give them the skills and techniques to get out on to the course. This year we have brought it back bigger and better."

Beginner golfers are invited to attend four Get into Golf coaching sessions at either Shrewsbury Golf Club, Telford Golf and Spa, or Horsehay Village golf course.

To qualify for the event, all players must be aged over 16 and working for a business based in Shropshire. They must sign up and register via the Workplace Challenge website www.workplacechallenge.org.ukThe full programme costs £120 per team of four golfers, to include all coaching, entry into the Swing For Bling Open with refreshments, plus a goodie bag and prizes. Last year's contest was won by the team from storage specialists Proplas Sub-Contract Limited in Shifnal, who are hoping to retain their trophy this year.

Spokesman Ron Dean said: "We loved taking part in Swing for Bling last year: the Shropshire Golf Centre was a great venue, and this event provides you with the opportunity to get to know your colleagues a little better and network with other workplaces taking part."

To find out more about Swing For Bling 2016 contact Helen White at helen.white@energizestw.org.uk, or 01743 297192.

Events lined up for future apprentices

COUNTY Training, part of Shropshire Council, is running a series of information and advice events for young people and their parents and carers to promote the benefits of vocational training.

Potential apprentices living in Shropshire are encouraged to book early for the events to avoid disappointment.

The events will take place beginning 8 March 2016, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 8 – Shrewsbury at 5.30pm; Ludlow at 5:30pm

Wednesday, March 9 – Telford at 5.30pm

Thursday, March 10 – Ludlow at 5.30pm

Monday, March 14 – Oswestry at 5.30pm

Tuesday, March 15 – Bishop's Castle drop-in session between 4pm-6pm

Wednesday, March 16 – Whitchurch at 5.30pm

Rachel Coombes, marketing officer at County Training, encourages anyone interested in finding out more about the apprenticeship programmes to come along.

"Due to high levels of interests at previous similar events, anyone that would like to attend will need to book a place by calling 0345 6789023 or email countytraining@shropshire.gov.uk," he said. "These not-to-be-missed events promise a wide variety of opportunities for all young people leaving school or college this year as well as 16 to 24-year-olds looking for work and training.

"County Training also offer the pre-apprenticeship programme Advance, which has been designed for those individuals not yet ready for an apprenticeship, college or employment."

Parents and carers are welcome to attend the events to find out about the range of apprenticeships, work and training opportunities available for their children. To book a place on one of the events call 0345 6789023 or email countytraining@shropshire.gov.uk

Opening the doors to US exports

Business leaders at the Telford event

BUSINESS owners had the chance to meet trade experts from the USA as part of a Shropshire-based event aimed at promoting the region's links with the world's largest economy.

UK Trade and Investment, part of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce, hosted a Meet the Experts event for companies interested in trade with the USA at the University of Wolverhampton's Priorslee Campus in Telford.

About 40 local companies visited for one-to-one meetings with 14 individual experts on various sectors and aspects of American business, including representatives from Chicago and Los Angeles.

Shropshire's own Dyke Yaxley Chartered Accountants was also among the advisors to business people attending the event, on account of it already having expanded into the USA with the opening of an office in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2011.

Exports to the USA are estimated to be worth £5 billion per year to the West Midlands.

Christine Armistead, of UK Trade & Investment, said: "We have received very positive feedback so far from this event, particularly regarding quality and relevance of the advice on offer, together with very good information and support provided by the experts.

"So we hope this will lead to companies pursuing further business opportunities in the USA."

Among the county firms in attendance was Tough Furniture, based in Craven Arms. The business, based on Stokewood Road on the Craven Arms Business Park, supplies attractive but very strong furniture to suit the needs of challenging environments where abuse, carelessness or challenging behaviour is a problem.

The firm's spokeswoman, Liz Vesty, said: "We are celebrating our 25th anniversary in business, manufacturing furniture for use in challenging environments such as mental health premises, special education needs and young offender institutions.

"As we move the company forward we are looking to expand and export, and have had very successful one-to-one sessions with 10 very different people here today, which has given us a great insight into the potential development of markets for our products in the USA."

Entrepreneurs' talks to inspire youngsters

BUSINESS LATEST

By Thom Kennedy

MORE than 25 influential business leaders will be visiting a Shropshire school this year as part of a special programme of talks for pupils.

The Business School at Wrekin College in Wellington has already welcomed a number of successful entrepreneurs and well-known faces since January with more presentations planned.

The speakers so far have included Charlotte Hollins, who with her brother Ben raised more than £800,000 in ten months to save Fordhall Farm in Market Drayton from developers.

The campaign which saw the siblings sell shares in what was to become Britain's first community-owned farm attracted global attention and a number of celebrity supporters.

This year it celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Luxury

Nathan Rous, a former journalist who founded the NPR public relations firm in 2008 and now works with a string of high-end clients in the luxury market, also joined the list of speakers.

Maisy Owen, founder and managing director, of MO Management Consultancy, and James Rennison, managing director of Kendrick Homes, also feature in the line-up.

Future speakers include management consultant Duncan Gray and Thomas Van Mourik, CEO of Culina Logistics which has a workforce of more than 3,000 people and 17 depots.

The company is one of the largest and most successful logistics suppliers to the food and drinks industry.

In March the school will welcome David Arthern, in charge of brand development at one of the world's biggest companies Pepsico.

Andrew Hurd, head of the Business School at Wrekin College, said they were delighted to have attracted such an impressive line up of speakers.

"We believe in an all-encompassing education at Wrekin College which encourages the best in every pupil and that means we don't stop at the traditionally academic subjects," he said.

"We want to encourage all kinds of abilities and that includes teaching business skills early on and not just for tomorrow's entrepreneurs, but also pupils who are interested in all aspects of working in business from line managers and personnel officers to human resources roles.

"The idea behind organising a programme like this was to help bring in successful people who would have extremely valuable life experience and skills to share with pupils who may be considering these paths themselves.

"It is voluntary for pupils to attend but all the talks have been extremely well attended.

"We have a number of pupils who have already launched their own businesses and this year alone we have had more than 30 pupils take business studies at GCSE.

"It is very important to give them the opportunity to learn more about business while still at school and the steps they can be taking now to help further any career they might be considering for the future.

"Our talks have led to lots of pupils getting one-to-one help and advice from our speakers and arranging work experience placements. It has worked really well and we hope to continue to do this in future years."

Mr Hurd said they would also love to hear from anyone who would like to give a talk at the school.

"The feedback from our speakers so far is that it has been an enjoyable experience and they have also gained from taking part.

"We are extremely grateful to them all for giving up their time to talk to our pupils."

Charlotte Hollins will address pupils from Wrekin College in Wellington

Play equipment firm celebrates milestone birthday

Children enjoy using one of Ray Parry's designs

FOR the last 25 years Shropshire-born Ray Parry has been providing high-quality play services throughout Shropshire and the UK.

"We are delighted to celebrate a great milestone as a local family business," said Mr Parry, the founder and managing director of well-loved local company Ray Parry Playground Services Ltd.

"We offer high quality play-equipment, safer surfacing and services tailored to our customers' needs, providing them with maximum choice and complete play provision.

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Ray Parry Playground Services has a large customer base including local authorities, town and parish councils, primary schools and nurseries, developers, brewery groups and leisure providers.

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Ray's son Thomas Parry has a wealth of experience in designing, quality control and project managing contracts.

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Ray Parry added: "Professional installation services, maintenance inspections, repairs and spares are all part of our company's offering.

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Poppy Polden, nine, from Oswestry School took part in the festival

Pianist Lucas Tyldsley played Mission Impossible at the music festival

Violinist Hommie Williams played Sleigh Ride at the festival

Festival success

Report by Sue Austin

YOUNG pianist George Fradley regained his title at the Oswestry Youth Music Festival and was hailed as an ambassador for the event.

The 21-year old from Market Drayton won the Oswestry Town Council Cup and was crowned senior champion at the winner of winners competition and concert at Christchurch on Sunday.

The junior champion was brass player Elizabeth Mwale from Llangollen. Sunday's concert was the culmination of four days of competition involving more than 1,000 young singers and musicians. Three venues staged the competition, Christchurch, Holy Trinity and the Oswestry Methodist Church and there were classes for instruments from piano to drums, brass, woodwind and strings as well as voices. Competition ranged from solos to duets, ensembles, choirs and bands. As well as taking the senior award George also won the mayor's award for excellence.

Mayor Peter Cherrington said: "This young man is not only excellent in music but also in his commitment to the festival, stepping in to act as an accompanist and give advice to younger musicians. He is a true ambassador for the festival."

Deputy Mayor Paul Milner, who along with the mayor and other councillors, volunteered at the event, said the standard was fantastic.

"One of the adjudicators told me that the standard was incredibly high," he said.

"The church was packed for the finale concert and competition and we heard from 12 of the winners."

Councillor Milner said next year the festival will celebrate its 40th anniversary. It was started as part of the Queen's silver jubilee celebrations.

Isobel Henson, eight, from Woodside Primary School in Oswestry showed off her talents

Pianist Olivia Derbyshire played Calypso Joe

Charlie Jacobs, eight, from Bomere Heath showed off his drumming skills

Bertie Heasmer Jones was the youngest competitor

Lucy Slark took part in the Oswestry Youth Music Festival

Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Home has delightful outlook of town park

Well placed for local amenities, 54 Welsh Walls, Oswestry is a character three storey three-bedroomed end terrace town house with a delightful outlook over Cae Glas Park.
It is for sale through Richmond Harvey at offers over £175,000 with no chain.
With majority double glazing and gas central heating it has an attractive re-fitted kitchen, two reception rooms, a ground floor WC, a cellar, spacious bathroom, off-road parking provision and an enclosed rear garden.
In more detail it has an entrance hall with stairs off, a WC, a lounge with a timber fire surround with a coal effect gas fire, a dining room with a window to a side lobby/utility and a door to a cellar, a re-fitted kitchen with an attractive range of units, wooden worktops, an integrated double oven and ceramic four-ring hob.
Off the first floor is bedroom one with a range of built-in wardrobes and a bathroom with a coloured suite including a bath with a tiled surround and a shower over and a glazed shower screen and a built-in shelved storage cupboard and airing cupboard.
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Outside to the front of the property a tarmacadam driveway provides off-road parking. There is a shrub border and a delightful outlook overlooking Cae Glas Park. To the side of the property a timber gate leads to the rear garden with paved patio areas, lawn and two timber garden sheds. For further information contact Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com

Attractive four bedroom home overlooks countryside

Situated in a beautiful position overlooking local farmland, countryside and beyond, The Mount, Middletown, near Welshpool, is an improved, spacious and versatile four bedroom detached house sitting in gardens and grounds approaching approximately 0.75 of an acre. The property is on the market through Holland Broadbridge for £345,000.The accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, reception hallway, lounge, separate dining room, luxury re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby and re-fitted downstairs shower room. There is also a first floor landing, four good size bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, separate WC and generous size driveway. Contact Holland Broadbridge on (01743) 357000 for more details.

Spacious detached home sits in an attractive position

A spacious detached bungalow, 17 Park Drive in Oswestry, is situated in a popular residential area. The property is for sale through JJ Dell&Co with a guide price of £294,950 and there is no chain. The home occupies an attractive position overlooking the town and it is within walking distance of the town's amenities. The property benefits from central heating and double glazing. There is a kitchen, dining room, lounge, three bedrooms and a bathroom. In addition one of the bedrooms benefits from an ensuite bathroom. The property also has a conservatory, a utility and a good size garden plot. The home is approached over a tarmacadam drive providing ample car parking and turning area.
There are also useful timber and felt store sheds and a good size rear patio area.
For more information contact JJ Dell&Co on 01691 653437 and 01691 680212.

Property within walking distance of town centre

An attractive Victorian end-of-terrace house with loft room, 16 Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry is on the market through JJ Dell & Co for offers over £124,950. The property is within walking distance of Oswestry's shopping centre.
The home has gas central heating.
Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, modern bathroom and loft room. The property is set back from the road with a small walled front garden. Enclosed rear garden is principally laid to lawn. There is a shared pedestrian access to the rear.
The property is within walking distance of Woodside Primary School.
For more information Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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Three storey home oozes charm and character

Melbourne House in Llanfyllin is a well presented deceptively spacious three storey, five bedroom semi-detached period property conveniently situated within easy walking distance of Llanfyllin town centre. It is on the market through Halls for £115,000. The property oozes charm and character, and would ideally suit a first time buyer, family, or as an investment, and must be viewed to be appreciated. Accommodation includes a dining room with a slate floor, a cosy sitting room providing ample living space and a generous sized kitchen/breakfast room with a good range of bespoke fitted units and work surfaces. On the first floor there are three double bedrooms, one of which is currently used as a study, and a good sized family bathroom with bath and shower. There are two further double bedrooms on the second floor.
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New build is in the heart of picturesque valley

One of two new build properties in the heart of The Ceiriog Valley, Plot 1 New Houses, Dolywern, is for sale through Town & Country at £279,950. The property comprises an entrance hallway with a staircase off, a kitchen/breakfast room a good sized living room and a separate dining room with French doors out to a patio. The kitchen is fitted with a Burford cream kitchen base and wall units with complimentary tiling and work surfaces. There is a square bay window to the front.
The property also has an utility, four bedrooms, master en suite, and a family bathroom.
Each property has its own detached single garage with driveway providing parking for several cars and good sized rear gardens. For further information contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com

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Listed property in village has six bedrooms

A listed six bedroom village property, Street House, Llandysilio near Four Crosses, has been renovated and is set in a large garden plot with a range of useful outbuildings. The property is on the market through JJ Dell & Co and has a guide price of £425,000. The home is a three storey detached residence offering spacious and adaptable accommodation and has the benefit of secondary double glazing and oil fired central heating. The property has an entrance porch, entrance hall, cellar, breakfast kitchen, utility, cloakroom and conservatory. There is a also a dining room, living room, sitting room and snug. On the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom and on the second floor there are a further three bedrooms and another bathroom. The property has its own private gravelled driveway, a large garden, two greenhouses, a barn/double garage, stable/store and a garage. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for details.

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- EPC Rating D. NO CHAIN

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- EPC Rating B. NO CHAIN

York Street
Oswestry **£114,995**

- A deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Terraced House
- The property benefits from new carpets and flooring
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Lawned rear garden and small front garden
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- An ideal first time buy or investment purchase

Lloyd Street
Oswestry **£127,995**

- A delightful 2 Bedroom Property situated on the fringe of the town centre
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen
- Lobby leading to useful Storage Room and Cloakroom
- Two good size bedrooms and the Bathroom
- Externally the property has a good size enclosed rear garden
- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- An ideal first time buy or investment. EPC Rating D

Weston Road
Morda **£123,950**

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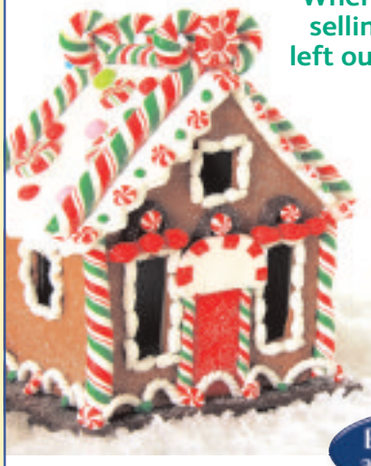

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- Two Bedrooms
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- Walking Distance Of Local Amenities
- EPC Band - E

JJD898

GUIDE PRICE £120,000

OSWESTRY

- Victorian End Terrace House
- GFCH
- Two Reception Rooms
- Dining Kitchen
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- Modern Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Walking Distance Of Town & Woodside School
- EPC Band - E

JJD853

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GOBOWEN

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- Attractive Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Enclosed Yard And Garage
- Short Walking Distance From Office
- EPC Band - F

JJD887

£109,950

GOBOWEN

- Well Appointed Four Bed. Detached House
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen Utility Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Master Bed. En-Suite
- Garage And Car Parking
- Cul De Sac Location
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- EPC Band - C

JJD886

NO CHAIN £244,995

OSWESTRY

- Two Bed. Semi-Det. House
- Ideal FTB or Buy To Let
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Garage
- Ample Parking
- EPC Band D

JJD903

£119,500

OSWESTRY

- Two Bed. Penthouse Apartment
- Ideal FTB or Buy To Let
- GFCH & Partial upvc DG
- Entrance Lobby
- Galley Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Lounge
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- EPC Band E

JJD895

GUIDE PRICE £130,000

DEVELOPMENT SITE - HENGOED

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- Property Occupied By Repairs Garage
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This two double bedroom town house is situated in an established and sought after area of Oswestry. This Victorian terrace offers two reception rooms, lovely kitchen which opens through to a sun room/utility, two double bedrooms and four piece suite bathroom, on street parking and gardens. Recently installed gas fired combination boiler and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

Price: £130,000 T: 01691 670 320

DETACHED FAMILY
Pleasant View, Weston Rhyn

This detached three bedroom family home is south Facing and is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location within a popular village. On a generous size plot with generous gardens and garage. The property benefits from UPVC double glazing and the accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Half Landing, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC, Gardens to Front, Side & Rear, Parking, Garage.

Price: £172,500 T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN WONDERFUL PROP-
Mill House, Llanfyllin

Once known as the 'Best mill in the district', this former mill now provides a lovely family home which comprises: Entrance Lobby, Kitchen, Utility, Dining Room/Sitting Room, First Floor Landing, Bathroom, Bedroom One with Dressing Room, Four Further Bedrooms, Laundry Room, Shower Room, Parking Forecourt, Gardens Extending to Approx 0.20 of an acre including some woodland and river frontage.

Price: £249,950 T: 01691 670 320

FOUR BEDROOM DE-
Wern, Chirk

This DETACHED FOUR bedroom home is situated in a most convenient location with views to the hills in the distance. Llangollen Canal and Offa's Dyke are within walking distance providing lovely country walks. The spacious property comprises: Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Conservatory, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Garage, Parking, Gardens.

Price: £179,950 T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN LUXURY BUNGALOW
Findon Drive, Oswestry

A luxury detached three bedroom bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location, Fitted to a very high specification throughout with granite floors and solid oak doors which are key features. Reception Hall, Kitchen opening into Dining Room, Large Conservatory, Lounge Utility Room, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Store Room/Former Garage. Warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Available with NO CHAIN.

Price: £244,950 T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN PERIOD PROPERTY
Plas Celyn, Pentre

This handsome Victorian family home offers traditional, well laid out characterful accommodation over three floors. Ideally positioned down a quiet country lane with countryside on the door step. Elegant Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Cellar, Utility/Cloakroom, Drawing Room, Garden Room, Master Bedroom with Dressing Room/Bedroom and Ensuite, Two further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Second Floor Bedroom, Shower Room, Gardens and Outbuilding.

Price: £375,000 T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN 3 BEDROOM DETACHED
Queens Close, Oswestry

This immaculate detached property is situated in a most sought after cul de sac position within walking distance to Oswestry Town Centre. Fully re-furbished to a high standard this property offers spacious accommodation warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Hall, Lounge, Dining Room/Bedroom Three, Kitchen Breakfast Room, Pantry, Hall, Utility Cupboard, Bathroom, Bedroom One, Bedroom Two, Garage, Gardens, Parking.

Price: £249,950 T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN 3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
Upper Church Street, Oswestry

This deceptively spacious Victorian town house offers spacious accommodation over three floors and is situated a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre. The property retains many original features, is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. The accommodation comprises: Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility Room, Cellar, Landing, Bedroom One, Bathroom, Second Floor Landing, Two further Double Bedrooms, Enclosed Rear Garden.

Price: £149,950 T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN DETACHED HOUSE
Tynings, Morda Close, Oswestry

This handsome detached family home is situated in a most prestigious residential area a short walk from Oswestry Town. Retaining many of its 1955 features which complement the immaculate interiors this property must be viewed to be appreciated. Elegant Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Formal Lounge, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility Room, Inner Hallway, Cloakroom, Study/Playroom, Conservatory, Four First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens, Parking.

Price: £410,000 T: 01691 670 320

DETACHED HOUSE
Coach Turn, Llanymynech

This two bedroom detached cottage is situated in central village position with lovely countryside walks nearby. The property is ideally positioned for those who commute and should be viewed to be appreciated. Hall, Living Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom, Bedroom One with Ensuite and Eaves Store, Bedroom Two, Generous Size Garden, Parking. UPVC double Glazing (where stated) and warmed by oil fired central heating.

Price: £159,950 T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN LOVELY HOUSE
Greystone Court, Oswestry

This handsome property is charming and elegant, situated in a most convenient location within walking distance to Oswestry Town. This property offers a slice of grandeur with its own walled courtyard and elegant reception rooms. The accommodation comprises; Elegant Reception Hall, Drawing Room, Sitting Room, Kitchen Dining Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom, Cellar, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Courtyard Garden, Gardens, Garage, Parking.

Price: £279,950 T: 01691 670 320

NO CHAIN SEMI DETACHED
Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry

This two bedroom semi detached bungalow is situated in a most convenient location within walking distance to Oswestry Town. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from double glazing (where stated). Reception Hall with Cloaks Cupboard, Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room, Inner Hallway, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Parking, Gardens to Front and Rear.

Price: £119,950 T: 01691 670 320

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Abraham Court, Oswestry

A double bedroom apartment located on the first floor of a most sought after retirement development of similar properties, a 10 minute walk from Oswestry Town Centre and a 2 minute walk from open countryside. With a 24 hour careline and House Manager on site, communal areas, maintained gardens and guest suite facilities. The property can be accessed by stairs or lift and from the heated corridor.

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This attractive period semi detached house offers spacious accommodation with characterful features. The accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen Breakfast Room, Cellar, Boot Room/Rear Entrance, Utility, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and WC, Gardens to Front, Side and Rear, Outside WC, Garage and Parking. Warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

Price: £164,950 T: 01691 670 320

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Price: £995,000 T: 01691 670 320

HOUSE & LAND
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A stunning country residence with land situated in a private, tranquil rural location only 4.5 miles from Oswestry Town. This period farmhouse offers characterful accommodation which has been tastefully renovated to provide a luxury family home. Sitting centrally within 12 acres of pasture and woodland, menage, stable blocks and outbuildings.

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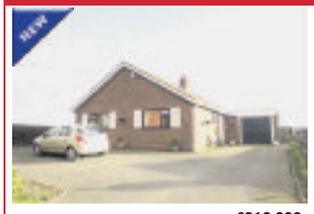

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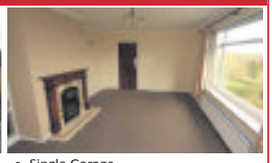

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- Propane Gas Heating

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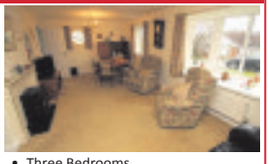

- NO CHAIN!!!
- Detached Bungalow
- Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite Shower Room
- Well Maintained Throughout

Offers in the region of £210,000

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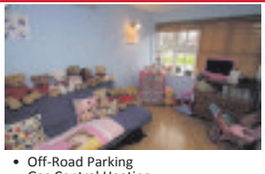

- Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Off-Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Hardwood Double Glazing

Offers in the region of £195,000

CHIRK BANK

- Modern Detached House
- Four Double Bedrooms
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- Downstairs Cloakroom

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CHIRK BANK

- Popular Location
- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom

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- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking and Garage
- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing

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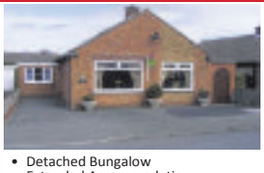

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- Private Rear Gardens
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- Gas Central Heating

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- Views

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- Semi Detached Cottage
- Three bedrooms
- Popular village location

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- Well Appointed Two Bedroom
- Corner Plot

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Game of musical chairs sees V go mainstream

Justin Bieber – the one they all want to see at V

Caribbean star Rihanna will also headline at Weston Park

Paul Weller, who starred on the first V bill in 1996.

IT started at the height of Britpop. Pulp's frontman Jarvis Cocker was responsible for the inaugural V Festival.

The foppish frontman decided he wanted to play two outdoor venues in two days and persuaded rock promoters to stage simultaneous festivals in Warrington and Chelmsford with a revolving line-up.

The idea was a hit and so, in 1996, V was born.

Three years later, it outgrew Warrington and relocated to Weston Park, on the Shropshire and Staffordshire border, near to Shifnal.

Few would have imagined it would still be going strong 21 years later.

Britpop has long since run out of steam and today's V is all about pop.

Now Justin Bieber is the act everyone will be buying tickets to see.

And there is also the small matter of Rihanna, Sia, David Guetta, Rita Ora, Tinie Tempah, Jess Glynne, Little Mix, Katy B, Halsey, John Newman, All Saints and Lethal Bizzle.

The indie-fest of yore has been well and truly usurped by a celebration of all things mainstream.

Back in 1996, V showcased Pulp, Paul Weller, Supergrass, Elastica, Sleeper, Tricky, Shed Seven and such esoteric, critic-friendly bands as Stereolab. The following year, it was the turn of Blur, The

Report by Andy Richardson

Prodigy, Kula Shaker, Beck, Ash, The Bluetones, Foo Fighters, Placebo, The Chemical Brothers and Daft Punk.

In subsequent years, V welcomed Manic Street Preachers, Suede, Stereophonics, James Brown, Massive Attack, Orbital, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Public Image Limited, Faithless, Embrace, Muse, Feeder, The Strokes, Oasis and Kings of Leon.

Today you'd be hard-pressed to find anything remotely edgy about the V line-up.

It caters to kids rather than indie rockers.

The only wonder is that they're not introducing a crèche.

It is perhaps not surprising, however, that V has moved so far towards the mainstream.

After all, when it was formed, indie was the mainstream. But a brief but thrilling period in the mid-1990s, Britpop was the nation's music of choice. Oasis, The Verve, Blur, Suede, Pulp, Placebo, Supergrass, Cast, Sleeper and Elastica – all bands who featured at V – were headline news.

The chart battle between Blur and Oasis, dubbed The Battle of Britpop, even made it on to prime time news.

These days, Rihanna and Justin Bieber are more likely to feature on our front pages – and that's why they're at V.

The festival has always been the most nakedly and unashamedly commercial of the summer season.

While Glastonbury is a law unto itself and is as likely to book Dolly Parton or a band of performing afro-hairstyled dogs (OK, we made that bit up) as it is Kanye West or Beyonce, V has followed the charts.

And in our X Factor generation, it makes perfect sense that it should now welcome such acts as Little Mix, who formed exclusively for the eighth series of the show in 2011 and became the first and only group to win.

V is CowellFest with the added A-List appeal of superstar songstresses like Australia's Sia, bad boy singers like Justin Bieber and global DJs like David Guetta.

It's all about lovely loos, hot showers, pampering parlours and 24/7 mobile charging rather than watching the space rock of Richard Ashcroft while smoking a dubious cigarette. V has changed, man.

Corporate

The festival itself celebrates the unedgy line-up.

It talks in breathy tones about its corporate roots – the V of 2016 is the antithesis of the event that Jarvis Cocker helped to create.

V spokeswoman Alice Briggs is very on message when it comes to the announcement, saying it is being "graced by global chart royalty".

She added: "Justin Bieber and Rihanna dominate the headline slots across the legendary festival weekend."

Bieber will be making his only UK festival appearance at V, giving fans a sneak peak of his upcoming Purpose tour. The Grammy winner will be the highlight. Alice added: "To cement the line-up with true superstar status, Rihanna is set to round off the headline bill with another electric performance as she returns to V Festival after five years.

"The Bajan singer will perform at both Staffordshire and Chelmsford, bringing the hotly anticipated and unmissable Anti World Tour to her only UK festival of the summer."

But whatever happened to alternative music? Well, the answer's simple. It moved to Reading and Leeds.

The Reading and Leeds festivals that take place on August 26-28 boast the sort of bands that would once have featured at V.

They will feature Red Hot Chili Peppers, The 1975, Courteeners, Twenty One Pilots, Eagles of Death Metal, Rat Boy, Foals, Disclosure, and Imagine Dragons.

But, we hear you ask, wasn't Reading once all about rock?

Yes, it was. But in the merry-go-round that is British festivals, rock moved to Download, at Donington Park.

This year's Download will feature Rammstein, Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Korn, Deftones, Nightwish, Megadeth, NoFX and Jane's Addiction, among others.

So there we have it. British festivals have played a game of musical chairs. Everyone has moved one place to the right. V occupies the mainstream, Leeds and Reading occupy the niche that was once V, and Download has taken over from Reading.

Pop Goes The V Fest.

Star-studded line-up aims to thrill pop fans at park

MUSIC fans from Oswestry and Welshpool heading to see V bill toppers Rihanna and Justin Bieber can expect to see a host of chart stars at Weston Park this summer.

All girl group Little Mix and French DJ David Guetta will be among the big draws at this year's event, which is celebrating its 21st anniversary.

Meanwhile, adding to V Festival's international line-up will be Australian songstress Sia and British indie rock favourites Bastille.

Also announced are a host of British acts including dance group Faithless, who will return for their seventh appearance at Weston Park on the weekend of August 20 and 21.

Brit Award winners Kaiser Chiefs are also on the bill along with BBC Sound of 2015 winners Years & Years, singer songwriter Jake Bugg, songstress Jess Glynne and UK garage legend Craig David.

Record-breaking Jess Glynne

X Factor judge and Coming Home singer Rita Ora will be returning to V along with two-time Brit winner Tinie Tempah and festival favourites Example and Katy B.

Halsey, who features on Justin Bieber's latest album Purpose, will grace the festival in August as well as Troye Sivan.

Also on the bill are Brit Award winners Travis, who had a huge hit in the 90s with Why Does It Always Rain On Me?, singer songwriter James Morrison and Joe Jonas's pop rock band DNCE.

Grammy winner Foxes, X Factor star Fleur East and the recently reformed British-Canadian girl band All Saints will each add a pop flavour to the weekend.

Continuing the R&B theme Soul II Soul will bring the good vibes, while 'Fester Skank' smash artist Lethal Bizzle, DJ EZ, Sigma (DJ set), Flight Facilities, and Big Sean will bring the pounding beats and furious flow to the line-up.

Superstar DJ David Guetta

In another V Festival debut, BBC Radio 1 will host a new stage on the Friday night at the Shropshire border site, with further details, including the line-up, being announced during Annie Mac's show between 7pm and 10pm tomorrow (Friday).

The suggestion from the organisers is that this will be Rihanna's only festival performance in Britain this year, which would rule her out of playing Glastonbury.

This year the festival will be celebrating its 21st birthday, with a theme based around that.

Revellers wanting the ultimate festival experience can go glamping with the V Style luxury campsite.

This offers a boutique village of Bell Tents, Yurts and Suites where campers can glam up and wind down.

For £3,200 or thereabouts festival goers can hire a 'hotel tipi tent' which sleeps up to six in luxury and offers a range of mod cons.

Little Mix's Leigh-Anne

V Style will even has a salon for festival-goers to freshen up and have a hot shower.

It is also offers an exclusive café and late-night bar, and access to the VIP area.

For those whose budget cannot stretch this far, there is also the Pink Moon site which offers pre-pitched tents at prices starting at £90 per person (excluding event ticket) so revellers can concentrate on the music.

Tickets have gone on salewith fans advised to visit www.vfestival.com for official outlets.

Ticket prices have been announced.

They are £189, plus booking fee, for the weekend with camping.

The cost is £165 without camping and day tickets will be available for £89.

There will be plenty of opportunities for work at the event: for security and stewarding posts visit www.showsec.co.uk/jobs; for cleaning and litter picking send your CV to Ryans Cleaning; while for bar work register with www.barcoderecruitment.co.uk

The Getaway Car

6.10pm

Dermot O'Leary hosts as another five duos arrive in the South African countryside to put their skills to the test. This time, sisters Jodie and Aimi, couples Binny and Neil, and Dave and Paula, lifelong pals Pete and Richard, and kickboxing duo Talibah and Ami face the high-octane challenge.

Live Davis Cup Tennis

4.30pm

Great Britain v Japan. Sue Barker presents further coverage of the second day of the World Group first-round match from Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham, featuring the doubles rubber. Britain lost just one doubles match en route to the most successful pairing of all time, America's Rob and Mike Bryan.

The Jonathan Ross Show

10pm

The host is joined by Hollywood actor Richard Gere, following the UK release of his new drama The Benefactor. Also appearing are comedienne Roisin Conaty, Kung Fu Panda star Jack Black, and Motown founder Berry Gordy, who speaks with Jonathan, and introduces the cast of Motown the Musical.

Great Canal Journeys

7pm

Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel along the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Union Canal in a coast-to-coast adventure from Edinburgh to Glasgow, taking in Scotland's highest aqueduct and longest canal tunnel, as well some striking examples of 21st-century engineering and monumental sculptures.

The Championship: Football League Tonight

9pm

Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches, which include Burnley v Blackburn Rovers, Bristol City v Cardiff City and Sheffield Wednesday v Rotherham United. Plus, a round-up of all the goals and the main talking points.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Singer-songwriter Ronan Keating faces food heaven or hell, courtesy of Michelin-starred chefs Jason Atherton and Glynn Purnell. Plus, Susy Atkins shares her wine tips.
11.30 **Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking.** Recipes for days when time is at a premium, including tomato soup, bacon and pesto pasta, roasted cauliflower with stuffed chicken thighs, and passion fruit pots with lemon crisps. (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's fixtures, which include the crucial Premier League derby between Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal.
12.50 **Saturday Sportsday.** A look ahead at the day's events.
1.00 **Cycling.** Clare Balding presents highlights from the first three days of the UCI Track World Championships from Lee Valley VeloPark at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in east London.
2.00 **Live Davis Cup Tennis.** Great Britain v Japan. Sue Barker presents coverage of the second day of the World Group first-round match from Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham, featuring the doubles rubber.
4.30 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.20 **Dynamo: Magician Impossible.** The illusionist visits Rio de Janeiro.
5.50 **BBC News.**
6.00 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.10 **The Getaway Car.** Sisters Jodie and Aimi, couples Binny and Neil, and Dave and Paula, lifelong pals Pete and Richard, and kickboxing duo Talibah and Ami face the high-octane challenge.
7.00 **The Voice UK.** The contestants enter the second and final stage of the Battle phase, as Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson seek to whittle their teams down to eight singers each.
9.00 **Casualty.** Part two of two. Lofty must make a statement about the defibrillator incident, and Ethan faces his birth-mother for the first time when she and Cal are admitted to the ED.
9.50 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin presents as the all-important winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed.
10.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal at White Hart Lane and Newcastle United v Bournemouth at St James' Park; **National Lottery Update.**
11.50 FILM: **The Recruit (2003).** A hacker is recruited into the CIA and is given a top-secret assignment to root out a mole within the agency's training programme. Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell.
1.40 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.45 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.05 FILM: **After Tonight (1933).** First World War espionage thriller, starring Constance Bennett.
7.15 FILM: **The Quatermass Xperiment (1955).** Sci-fi horror, starring Brian Donlevy.
8.35 FILM: **Dean Spanley (2008).** Comedy drama, starring Sam Neill.
10.10 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in Mid Glamorgan, Yorkshire and Devon. (R)
11.10 **Natural World.** Two elephant calves struggle for survival. (R)
12.00 **Rick Stein's India.** The chef has an audience with the Dalai Lama. (R)
1.00 **The Best Dishes Ever.** Ainsley Harriott introduces a selection of delicious and economic recipes. (R)
1.30 **Alfred Hitchcock: Talking Pictures.** Profile of film director Alfred Hitchcock. (R)
2.05 FILM: **Notorious (1946).** Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Cary Grant.
3.45 **Escape to the Country.** Finding a dream home in Berkshire. (R)
4.30 **Live Davis Cup Tennis.** Great Britain v Japan.
5.30 **Flog It!** The team visits Greater Manchester. (R)
6.00 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don sets out his plans for the growing season at Longmeadow and Joe Swift offers tips on choosing trees for a range of gardens. (R)
6.30 **Back in Time for the Weekend.** The Ashby-Hawkins family enters the 1990s, a decade where new technology arrives at a dizzying pace and starts to dominate their leisure time. (R)
7.30 **Queen Victoria's Children.** The second episode focuses on the monarch's relationship with her daughters, revealing how she clung to and bullied the princesses, as well as arranging who they should marry. (R)
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Jones buys black-market pigeons from wheeler-dealer Walker – but is horrified to discover the birds were taken from Trafalgar Square. Comedy, starring Clive Dunn and James Beck. (R)
9.00 **Stag.** Johnners' stag party is beseiged in the home of the sinister gamekeeper, until Christoph, a suspiciously helpful gate-crasher, arrives and offers to lead everyone to safety.
10.00 FILM: **Dom Hemingway (2013).** Premiere. A safe cracker released from prison goes to the South of France to collect a debt and reconnect with his daughter. Comedy crime drama, starring Jude Law and Emilia Clarke.
11.30 **Line of Duty.** The return of the crime thriller about a police anti-corruption unit. DI Lindsay Denton comes under suspicion after a police convoy is ambushed. Starring Keeley Hawes. (R)
12.30 **Line of Duty.** Denton gathers compromising evidence to use against AC-12. (R)
1.30 FILM: **Lebanon (2009).** An Israeli tank crew is sent to search a hostile town during the first Lebanon war, only to end up surrounded by resistance fighters. Drama, starring Itay Tiran and Yoav Donat.
2.55 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

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8.10 **Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters.** Animated comedy.
8.30 **Scrambled!: Jessie.** Disney sitcom, starring Debby Ryan.
9.05 **Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** The plot of a novel becomes reality. (R)
10.20 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside.
11.15 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
12.15 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
1.30 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
2.30 **Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
3.35 FILM: **The Spy Who Loved Me (1977).** James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.10 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates more comical mishaps, including a builder falling through a ceiling, and a lorry driver's unfortunate encounter with a lamp-post.
7.00 **Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.** Kate Hudson steps up as Guest Announcer, and the duo prank Bear Grylls. David Walliams is implicated in Who Shot Simon Cowell?, and Jess Glynne features in the End of the Show Show.
8.30 **Take Me Out.** A musical theatre performer from Mansfield, a City trader, a Blackpool car salesman and an account executive from Milton Keynes enter the "love lift". Last in the series.
10.00 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined in the studio by Richard Gere, Roisin Conaty, Jack Black and Motown founder Berry Gordy, who introduces a performance by the cast of Motown the Musical.
11.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.20 FILM: **Never Say Never Again (1983).** James Bond takes on a criminal mastermind who has hijacked two US nuclear warheads and concealed them in the Bahamas. Action adventure, with Sean Connery and Klaus Maria Brandauer.
1.35 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Murder, She Wrote.** Death mars the opening of a play. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

6.15 **The King of Queens.** (R)
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7.05 **Freeride World Tour.**
7.30 **The Grid.** Including a look at NASCAR's new rules for the 2016 season.
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray adopts a stray dog. (R)
8.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** The neighbours are upset by Ray's parents. (R)
9.00 **The Morning Line.** A look ahead to this afternoon's racing at Doncaster and Newbury.
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon acquires a girlfriend. (R)
10.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon bans Penny from the apartment. (R)
11.00 **The Superhumans Show.**
11.30 **The Simpsons.** (R)
12.00 **The Simpsons.** Homer is hired to climb a mountain. (R)
12.30 **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** The agents discover the dangerous truth about ATCU.
1.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Doncaster and Newbury.
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** The competition heads to Manchester. (R)
4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Trainee barrister Sasha hosts the second night in Manchester. (R)
5.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Nurse Katherine hosts the third dinner party in Manchester. (R)
5.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Barber Danny hosts the fourth night of the competition in Manchester. (R)
6.05 **Come Dine with Me.** It is the final night in Manchester and glamorous goth Maria is serving her twist on Asian cuisine, which manages to impress daddy's girl Sasha. (R)
6.35 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel along the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Union Canal in a coast-to-coast adventure from Edinburgh to Glasgow. Last in the series. (R)
8.00 **Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages.** The actress travels through the South Downs and the Weald of Sussex and Kent, reliving the Cuckfield Donkey Races and delving into the life of Rudyard Kipling. Last in the series.
9.00 FILM: **The Bourne Legacy (2012).** A government assassin goes on the run when his employers try to bury their dark secrets by having him killed. Spy thriller sequel, with Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz.
11.40 FILM: **Seven Psychopaths (2012).** A writer turns to two crooks for advice about a script, but ends up in danger when they kidnap a gangster's dog. Comedy thriller, with Colin Farrell and Sam Rockwell.
1.40 **Hollyoaks.** (R)
3.50 **Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb.** (R)
4.45 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)
5.40 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)
5.50 **The King of Queens.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.45** Tickety Toc **6.55** Zack and Quack **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.15** Make Way for Noddy **7.25** Paw Patrol **7.35** Little Princess **7.50** Pip Ahoy! **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Wanda and the Alien
8.55 **The Fairly OddParents.**
9.30 **The Saturday Show Live.**
11.30 FILM: **Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979).** Sci-fi adventure, starring William Shatner.
2.00 **Criminally Funny: Caught in the Act.** A selection of humorous clips capturing the law being broken. (R)
3.00 **Now That's Funny!** Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (R)
4.00 **Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Compilation of cat-themed internet videos. (R)
5.00 **Grannies Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Internet videos featuring pensioners doing bizarre and humorous things. (R)
6.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Kevin Stokes and Brian O'Shaughnessy chase a £16,000 debt run up by a coach company and Stewart McCracken and Elmor Victor face a heartbreaking house repossession. (R)
7.00 **World War II in Colour.** The war in the Pacific in the spring of 1943, when America went on the offensive against Japan, launching a two-pronged attack to drive their forces back. (R)
8.00 **The Gadget Show.** Jon Bentley tests a product intended to replace both a laptop and tablet, while in the US, Yue Xu visits CES, the world's biggest technology exhibition. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches, which include Burnley v Blackburn Rovers. Plus, a round-up of all the goals.
10.00 **Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present a round-up of all the goals and talking points from League One and League Two, as well as a look at the latest league tables.
10.30 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** A biker gang member's mutilated body is found in a park, and Stabler fights to prove his partner's innocence when Benson is linked to the murder by DNA evidence. (R)
11.20 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** A serial killer targets the children of immigrants and the chief suspect's lawyer insists his client has been brainwashed by right-wing propaganda on a talk show. (R)
12.15 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **I Want That Wedding!** (R)
4.00 **The Woman with No Face.** (R)
4.50 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.20 **HouseBusters.** (R)
5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
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Call the Midwife

8pm

Dr Turner is horrified to realise he may be partly to blame as the cause of the recent rise in birth deformities comes to light, and tries to prevent further cases. A pregnant bride goes into labour during her wedding reception, while her mother is forced to come to terms with her grandchild being conceived out of wedlock.

Let's Play Darts for Sport Relief 2016

9pm

Gabby Logan hosts the semi-final of the contest in which big names from the world of darts join forces with celebrities in a knockout tournament held at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green, the home of the BDO world championships.

The Story of Cats

8pm

New series. Wildlife series comparing the behaviour of domestic felines to big cats in the wild. Lion expert Kevin Richardson offers an insight into feline communication. Plus, a look at the climbing skills of sabre-tooth wild cats that hunt in the jungles of South East Asia. Narrated by Olivia Colman.

The Secret Life of the Zoo

6.30pm

Rothschild giraffe Orla is about to give birth to her second calf but is three weeks overdue. This episode captures the arrival of the giraffe family's youngest member and its introduction to the rest of the herd. Cameras also follow the Chester team as they attempt to save mountain chicken frogs from extinction.

Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas

8.10pm

In the glamorous setting of the Penn & Teller Theater in Las Vegas, the magicians challenge guest illusionists to outwit them. In this instalment, Brian Brushwood involves the entire audience in a lively trick involving dollar bills, and Simon Pierro demonstrates 'digital magic' using a large tablet computer.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.25 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal at White Hart Lane and Newcastle United v Bournemouth at St James' Park. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.** Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions on topical issues from Michaelston Community College, Cardiff.
11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.30 **Bargain Hunt.** Four students search for deals at Grimsthorpe Castle antiques fair.
1.00 **Live Davis Cup Tennis.** Great Britain v Japan. Sue Barker presents coverage of the third and final day of the World Group first-round match from Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham.
4.30 **Escape to the Country.** Searching for a rural property in Nottinghamshire. (R)
5.00 **Songs of Praise.** In a special episode for Mothering Sunday, Pam Rhodes talks to grandmothers who have devoted their lives to becoming full-time carers for their grandchildren.
5.35 **Nature's Miracle Orphans.** Lucy Cooke meets a white rhino preparing to return to the savannah, and Patrick Aryee watches a tapir being introduced to a family group in Costa Rica. Last in the series.
6.35 **BBC News.**
6.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
7.00 **Countryfile.** Anita Rani walks part of the Ulster Way and meets some famous farm animals in Northern Ireland, while John Craven finds out about Rathlin Island's kelp industry. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.
8.00 **Call the Midwife.** Dr Turner realises he may have helped to cause the rise in birth deformities. Sister Evangelina's health continues to deteriorate, and a bride goes into labour. Last in the series.
9.00 **The Night Manager.** Roper offers Pine a job in his organisation, but Corky is suspicious. The guest of honour at a party thrown by Apostol is found dead, which gives Burr leverage over him.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Crystal Palace v Liverpool at Selhurst Park and West Bromwich Albion v Manchester United at the Hawthorns.
11.35 **Match of the Day Live.** Germany Women v England Women. Coverage of the second-half of the SheBelieves Tournament match from Nissan Stadium in Nashville, Tennessee. Coverage of the first-half can be seen on the BBC Interactive Service from 10.20pm.
12.45 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.50 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **The A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter S. (R)
6.45 **Great British Garden Revival.** Cottage gardens and house plants. (R)
7.45 **An Island Parish.** A new parish priest takes up his post on Barra. (R)
8.15 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don sets out his plans for the growing season at Longmeadow. (R)
8.45 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Shauna Lowry explore the Essex coast. (R)
9.45 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.
11.15 **The Best Dishes Ever.** A selection of recipes to sate cravings for a takeaway. (R)
11.45 **The Best Dishes Ever.** Old-school recipes from Keith Floyd, James Martin, Lorraine Pascale and the Bake Off judges. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
1.00 **Triathlon.** The opening round of the ITU World Triathlon Series in Abu Dhabi.
2.00 **Live Cycling.** Day five of the UCI Track World Championships.
6.00 **Flog It!** Elizabeth Talbot and Mark Stacey pick out a German set of doll's houses and a collection of Minton sporting tiles at Stapleford Park in Leicestershire. (R)
7.00 **Who's the Boss?** The boss of a Preston-based chocolate manufacturer gives his workforce the power to decide on who will become its new Business Development Manager. (R)
8.00 **Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge.** Part one of two. The naturalist leads a team of rock climbers across Venezuela's tepuis – sheer-sided mountains surrounded by jungle – braving wildlife and rapids to reach them.
9.00 **Let's Play Darts for Sport Relief 2016.** Gabby Logan hosts the semi-final of the contest in which big names from the world of darts join forces with celebrities in a knockout tournament held at the Lakeside, Frimley Green.
10.00 **Thirteen.** New series. Drama about a woman who escapes and returns home after being held captive in a cellar for 13 years, while the police search for her kidnapper. Starring Jodie Comer.
11.00 **The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story.** Shapiro shops around for legal support, while practicality and politics dictate the prosecution's approach, but shocking new evidence further inflames public opinion. (R)
11.40 FILM: **Shifty (2008).** A London cocaine dealer finds his life transformed by the return of an old friend and confronts the bleak future he finds himself facing. Drama, starring Riz Ahmed and Daniel Mays.
1.05 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Shauna Lowry explore the Essex coast. (R)
2.00 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Arthur goes into battle for a young patient who was hit by a train, but buries his head in the sand over his own health, and a hungover Adele becomes Guy Self's nurse for the day. (R)
3.00 **This Is BBC2.**

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8.30 **Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School.** Children are taught to survive in the wild.
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2.45 **Big Star's Little Star.** With Lee Ryan, Nitin Ganatra and Samantha Giles. (R)
3.45 **Off Their Rockers.** A trip to the vet ends in an unusual cat fight. (R)
4.15 FILM: **Moonraker (1979).** James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.
6.35 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
7.00 **Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands.** Rheda tries to discredit Beowulf's accusations, but is unprepared for the terrible truth that faces her both at home and in other lands.
8.00 **The Story of Cats.** New series. Series comparing the behaviour of domestic felines to big cats in the wild. The first episode looks at sabre-tooth wild cats and caracals. Narrated by Olivia Colman.
9.00 **Doctor Thorne.** New series. Julian Fellowes' adaptation of Anthony Trollope's novel, starring Tom Hollander as a doctor dealing with the secrets of his niece's past as she prepares to marry.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **Brits Behind Bars.** With thousands of UK citizens currently held in jails around the world, this documentary focuses on the moving cases of British overseas prisoners. (R)
11.15 **Premiership Rugby Union.** Action from the 15th round of fixtures, including Newcastle Falcons v Worcester Warriors, Saracens v Northampton Saints, and Leicester Tigers v Exeter Chiefs.
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Channel 4

6.15 **The King of Queens.** Guest starring Kirstie Alley. (R)
6.40 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** A psychotherapist interviews the family. (R)
7.05 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra and Ray reminisce. (R)
7.30 **Frasier.** The brothers suspect Martin may have had an affair. (R)
8.00 **Frasier.** Daphne helps Frasier decide whether to advertise a restaurant. (R)
8.30 **The Simpsons.** Homer and Marge reignite their love life. (R)
9.00 **The Simpsons.** Marge protests about TV violence. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With Indian Summers stars Olivia Grant and Aysha Kala.
12.30 **The Simpsons.** Marge's driving habits come under scrutiny. (R)
1.00 **Amazing Spaces: Floating Homes.** Eco-designer Max McMurdo builds his own floating home. (R)
2.00 FILM: **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011).** Children's comedy sequel, starring Zachary Gordon.
4.00 FILM: **Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992).** Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin.
6.15 **Channel 4 News.**
6.30 **The Secret Life of the Zoo.** Cameras follow giraffe Orla who is about to give birth but is three weeks overdue, and Chester Zoo experts attempt to save mountain chicken frogs from extinction. (R)
7.30 **The Jump: The Final.** Davina McCall presents the grand final of the winter sports challenge, as the remaining celebrities battle it out for the chance to win the Jump Cowbell Trophy. Last in the series.
9.00 FILM: **American Hustle (2013).** Premiere. A conman is forced to work for an FBI agent on a sting operation that could bring down a corrupt politician. Crime drama, starring Christian Bale and Amy Adams.
11.40 FILM: **An Officer and a Gentleman (1982).** A Navy recruit has an uneasy romance with a factory worker and is pushed to his limits by a tough sergeant. Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere, Debra Winger and Louis Gossett Jr.
1.55 **The Secret Life of the Pub.** A traditional pub in London's East End is rigged with cameras to see what men really say when women are not around and they are not on their best behaviour. (R)
2.50 **Come Dine with Me.** Kirsty Frior hosts the first dinner party in Northampton. (R)
3.15 **Come Dine with Me.** William Henry hosts Northampton's second party. (R)
3.45 **Come Dine with Me.** Jenna Smith tries to impress her guests with an unusual menu. (R)
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Angela Parker hosts the fourth dinner party from Northampton. (R)
4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Alex Soulsby prepares a Thai menu in Northampton. (R)
5.05 **Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb.** Three sellers in Epsom try to make their homes more appealing. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.45** Tickety Toc **6.55** Zack and Quack **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.15** Make Way for Noddy **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.45** Little Princess **8.00** Pip Ahoy! **8.15** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.00** Wanda and the Alien **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus **9.20** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
9.55 **The Fairly OddParents.** Double bill. Timmy goes to hospital.
10.30 **The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Highlights and all the goals from the Championship. (R)
11.25 **Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** A round-up of all the goals from League One and League Two. (R)
11.55 **Police Interceptors.** Kev Salter and Ian Squire hunt for a man roaming the streets with a machete. (R)
12.50 **Star Trek: The True Story.** The origins of the sci-fi show. (R)
1.50 FILM: **Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982).** Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring William Shatner.
3.55 FILM: **Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984).** Sci-fi sequel, with William Shatner.
6.00 FILM: **Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986).** The Enterprise crew travels back in time to the 20th century in search of a humpback whale. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy, who also directed.
8.10 **Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas.** New series. The magicians challenge illusionists to outwit them with their tricks. Participants include Simon Pierro, who demonstrates "digital magic" using a large tablet computer.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 FILM: **Grown Ups 2 (2013).** Premiere. Four friends try to relive their youth, but find their kids have a thing or two to teach them on the last day of school. Comedy sequel, with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock.
11.05 FILM: **You, Me and Dupree (2006).** A thirtysomething jobless layabout moves in with his newlywed best friend – who comes to regret his act of hospitality. Comedy, starring Owen Wilson, Matt Dillon and Kate Hudson.
1.10 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **The Great British Benefits Handout.** Tony and Diane experience a shift in their relationship. Last in the series. (R)
4.00 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
4.25 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
4.50 **Great Artists.** Sculptor, architect and painter Michelangelo. (R)
5.15 **Great Scientists.** The life and legacy of Charles Darwin. (R)
5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** Angel Rafe teaches Wendy that some things happen for a reason. (R)
5.50 **Angels of Jarm.** Penny will not share her cakes with everyone. (R)

There's fun for all ages at the lambing day

There will be plenty of animals to see at the lambing day

Some of the students at the Williams F1 factory

Busy time at college

Sara Shelston from North Shropshire College

Computing student Gareth Gavan, academic and professional studies manager Sara Shelston, CAE account manager James Fletcher, computing student Daniel Sayers, computing lecturer Daniel Beech, IT services manager Henry Nurdin and computing lecturer Colin Taylor

Lecturer Julie Ball prepares travel and tourism students Kim Smith and Ellie Steventon for their trip to France

Business students with their Valentine's display

Lambing day visitors can get up close to the animals

STUDENTS at Oswestry's North Shropshire College have been taking part in a various activities over recent weeks and showing off their skills and talents.

Report by Naomi Penrose

Two computing students have been nominated for the 2015-2016 Digital Champion Program.

The program is being held by technology service company CAE to seek out fresh talent, help students shape their future careers and understand how young people feel about technology.

As part of the nomination, the students will be visiting The Gadget Show and will visit and spend time with an IT company in May. The winners of the competition will be announced in June. The students, Gareth Gavan and Daniel Sayers, are in contention with 17 other Further Education colleges around the UK. James Fletcher, from CAE, said: "Daniel and Gareth have been nominated for this competition for their slick idea for an app specifically targeted at FE students."

Computing lecturer Colin Young said: "Their nomination is well deserved and I am very proud of their achievement."

Academic and professional studies manager Sara Shelston, computing lecturer Daniel Beech and IT services manager Henry Nurdin congratulated Gareth and Daniel.

Meanwhile, the college will be launching a new series of vocational BTEC qualifications this year for a September start.

The qualifications are offered in a variety of subjects from agriculture and wildlife and countryside to interactive media and art. The BTECs on offer take one to two years and can accrue enough UCAS points to qualify for access to Higher Education courses, Foundation Degrees, HNDs, HNCs and full degrees.

Sara Shelston, the college's academic and professional studies curriculum manager, said: "We are finding that an ever increasing amount of our learners are gaining places at university following completion of Level 3 BTEC Extended Diplomas in a range of subjects."

Business students at the college created a romantic Valentine's Day themed project this year.

The project was planned by the college's very own business start-up group, NEST. The group planned every part of the project, from designing advertisements to distributing order slips to staff and students across the college and producing orders.

Business student Jan-Marie Briones said: "Staff and students bought chocolate covered strawberries and marshmallows, heart-shaped cookies and heart-shaped Valentines cards.

"Orders were sent to the customer's special someone in the college, all proceeds from this sale went to the Make a Wish Foundation."

Ten vocational students from North Shropshire College will be spending two weeks on work placements in France. Three travel and tourism students and seven hospitality and catering students will be placed in the town of Auch in the Midi-Pyrenees Region of France.

The college is also sending agricultural students and apprentices to Finland in May, motor vehicle apprentices to France in June and engineering students to Spain in June to undertake work placements.

Meanwhile the college will be holding its increasingly popular Spring Lambing Day on March 20 at its Walford campus near Baschurch.

Last year's Spring Lambing Day attracted more than 4,000 visitors, who visited the college's farm, animal care centre and engineering department.

Many of the popular attractions from last year will be making a welcome return in 2016.

Those returning include Whitchurch Dog Display Team and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service and there will be archery, face painting, treasure hunts available. The entrance fee on the day will be £10 per car/family on foot, there will be free parking at the Walford Campus or at Corbet School with a park and tractor/trailer ride to the event.

Meanwhile 14 engineering and motor vehicle students from the Walford Campus recently paid a visit to the headquarters and factory of the Williams Formula One Racing Team.

The group had won the trip in a competition at the Association of Colleges Conference in November; the trip was hosted by Randstad Student Support which is part of the Randstad Group, sponsors of the Williams F1 Team.

The trip gave the students the opportunity to tour the Williams factory, including the advanced engineering section of the factory where prototypes and future technologies are developed.

The students learnt how the Williams engineers apply their advanced knowledge to solve every day problems as well as incredibly advanced engineering problems.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

deaths

BALL
Joyce
nee Stokes

Peacefully at Meadowbrook Nursing Home, on February 17, 2016, aged 93 years.

Wife of the late Sam, much loved Mum of Michael, Mother-in-law of Susan and Nan of Andrew and Stephen.

Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Wednesday, March 9, at 10.30am.

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YOUNG
Doreen

Passed away peacefully on February 21, 2016, aged 87 years.

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Funeral Service, at St Aelhaiarn's Parish Church, Guilsfield, on Friday, March 11, at 2.30pm, followed by Interment at Guilsfield Cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Hope House Children's Respite Hospice and St Aelhaiarn's Parish Church.

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WHITE
Frankie

Of Russell Ridge. Beloved Wife of Alan, a loving and much loved Mum to Russell, Fiona, Wendy, Renner and Briony and a cherished Grandma to her 14 Grandchildren, passed away unexpectedly at home.

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Shirley

Brian, Alison, Iain, Elizabeth and the Family would like to express their sincere thanks to Friends and Neighbours for all their kindness and understanding to them at this difficult time.

They would particularly like to thank the Revd. Stephen McKenna and the Revd. Helen Morby for all their help and support and those who sent cards of sympathy and for the generous donations to the Mending Broken Hearts Appeal of The British Heart Foundation and to The Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Their thanks also to W.E. Price Funeral Directors for their care of the Funeral arrangements.

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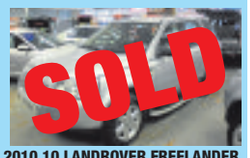

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Matt Hine, sales manager, said how pleased he was with the Arthurs sales team who had worked 'extremely hard' over the last few weeks. Arthurs has represented Vauxhall in Oswestry since 1940 and this year was yet another record, said Matt.

"We are fortunate to be representing Vauxhall in the Oswestry area at a time when they are producing such high quality and attractive cars, which are supported by some incredibly good offers.

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"We have been pleasantly surprised by the number of new Vauxhall sales to customers who have never previously owned a Vauxhall, or who have not owned one for a number of years.

"It is now our job to give these customers an exceptional 'Arthurs' service so they continue coming back to us for many years."

He said Arthurs has been one of a very few Vauxhall dealers in the UK who have won the Vauxhall Customer Excellence Award for the last three years.

Said Matt: "Our highest selling sales consultant this March is Craig Huxley who has worked for Arthurs for many years and who is well known locally having lived in the Oswestry area all of his life."

Added Craig: "It really is a delight to see so many new customers coming into our Oswestry showroom."

Matt summarised by saying: "Although it is great we have had a phenomenal start to March we are not going to be complacent and now we intend to build on this momentum and make sure we smash all previous new car sales records for the month."

Pictured: Matt Hine said the record-breaking Arthurs sales team had worked 'extremely hard.'

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Should there be one law for all?

One of the quirks of the United Kingdom is that its member countries can make and pass laws independently of the others. This is why the drink-drive limit in Scotland is lower than the rest of the UK, and now we have Northern Ireland taking a lead in introducing new limits on young drivers.

The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill comes into force in 2018 for all drivers aged between 17 and 25 years old in Northern Ireland. This change will see all drivers in this bracket subject to a tougher, lower drink-drive limit of 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood, which is the same as the mandatory limit for all drivers in Scotland.

Also part of the changes for young drivers in Northern Ireland, coming in 2018, are a minimum six-month learning period, night-time restriction on carrying passengers and a section of the driving test to include motorway driving.

Given that one in five road deaths in the UK is a driver aged 17 to 25, these changes in Northern Ireland are nothing short of simple common sense and should be adopted across the whole of the UK immediately.

The UK Government has been working towards including motorway driving in the test, but in a classic fudge, it has not been made compulsory because some learners might live a long way from such a stretch of road.

Surely this makes it all the more necessary for these drivers to experience a motorway in controlled, observed circumstances, rather than letting them loose after their test with no comprehension of what is involved?

As for the drink-drive limit, again, this is something that must be launched across the whole of the UK as soon as possible.

In Scotland, where the limit was lowered to the proposed limit with this Northern Irish amendment, the number of drink-drive prosecutions has dropped and road safety has improved.

Rather than the expected raft of people being caught out by being on or just above the drink-drive limit in Scotland, it has discouraged many from drinking at all when driving and that can only be a huge positive.

Yet more common sense to come from the Northern Irish approach is setting a minimum time period on learning to drive and lessons during the hours of dark. While some learners may well be ready to take the road after only a short period of training, setting a minimum period is absolute sense as it lets the lessons sink in and become second nature.

For those drivers who might need longer, it also removes the pressure to succeed in as short a time as possible.

As for night driving, this is a whole set of new skills that must be learned and integrated into your driving, so letting new drivers run free on the road when they may never have driven at night is lunacy.

The Northern Irish approach is completely sound, as is limiting the number of passengers a young driver can carry at night when they are most likely to come under peer pressure.

If the UK Government does not implement the same measures across the whole of the UK as are coming into force in Northern Ireland, they are missing a huge opportunity to improve road safety for all drivers.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burton Albion	33	21	4	8	43	27	67
Wigan Ath	34	17	12	5	55	30	63
Walsall	33	16	11	6	49	33	59
Gillingham	34	17	7	10	60	43	58
Millwall	34	16	7	11	52	41	55
Coventry City	33	14	10	9	56	37	52
Barnsley	34	16	4	14	54	45	52
Southend Utd	34	14	9	11	46	43	51
Bradford City	33	14	9	10	39	36	51
Port Vale	35	13	10	12	39	39	49
Swindon Twn	34	14	6	14	53	51	48
Sheffield Utd	34	13	9	12	47	45	48
Bury	34	13	8	13	45	55	47
Scunthorpe Utd	33	13	7	13	38	40	46
Rochdale	34	12	9	13	44	46	45
P'borough Utd.	34	13	5	16	57	55	44
Fleetwood Twn	33	10	9	14	40	41	39
Chesterfield	34	11	5	18	45	54	38
Doncaster Rvrs	33	9	10	14	36	44	37
Shrewsbury Tn	33	10	7	16	39	51	37
Blackpool	34	9	8	17	33	43	35
Oldham Ath	33	6	16	11	33	44	34
Crewe Alex	34	6	11	17	36	59	29
Colchester Utd	34	6	9	19	42	79	27

Vanarama North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Solihull Moors	31	19	8	4	62	33	65
Harrogate Twn	30	18	5	7	57	34	59
Nuneaton Twn	32	15	10	7	55	37	55
Boston Utd	32	17	4	11	55	46	55
Nth Ferriby Utd	31	15	9	7	60	36	54
AFC Fylde	30	16	5	9	52	37	53
Tamworth	31	12	12	7	43	35	48
Chorley	31	13	7	11	51	45	46
Alfreton Twn	32	12	8	12	44	39	44
Stockport Cnty	32	11	11	10	36	35	44
Curzon Ashton	31	11	9	11	42	40	42
Gloucester City	32	11	8	13	28	33	41
G'boro Trinity	31	12	4	15	33	46	40
S'bridge Celtic	30	10	7	13	48	59	37
Worcester City	29	10	6	13	38	39	36
FC Utd of Man	31	10	5	16	47	65	35
Bradford PA	28	8	9	11	34	37	33
Lowestoft Twn	30	9	6	15	38	53	33
Brackley Twn	32	8	7	17	37	47	31
AFC Telford Utd	32	8	6	18	37	53	30
Corby Twn	30	7	8	15	38	63	29
Hednesford Twn	32	6	10	16	38	61	28

Evo-Stik League

Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford Rgrs	33	24	5	4	61	22	77
Shaw Lane A	28	18	7	3	61	21	61
Coalville Twn	31	18	7	6	56	32	61
Basford Utd	32	17	7	8	51	33	58
Chasetwn	32	14	8	10	53	40	50
Leek Twn	30	15	5	10	49	37	50
Lincoln Utd	30	14	8	8	45	34	50
Spalding Utd	32	13	8	11	47	41	47
Rugby Twn	30	12	8	10	48	47	44
Mkt D'ton Twn	32	12	8	12	47	47	44
Romulus	33	13	5	15	56	59	44
S'bridge PS	30	12	7	11	44	39	43
Gresley	30	14	1	15	40	46	43
Belper Twn	31	11	6	14	47	53	39
Newcastle Twn	31	10	7	14	44	51	37
Sheffield	31	10	7	14	48	56	37
Kidsgrove Ath	31	9	9	13	60	58	36
Daventry Twn	31	10	3	18	37	68	33
Carlton Twn	31	9	2	20	43	59	29
Goole AFC	30	8	5	17	41	63	29
L'boro Dynamo	33	7	4	22	45	87	25
Tividale	30	2	11	17	34	64	17

North West Counties League

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hanley Twn	18	14	2	2	39	17	44
Barnton	22	13	4	5	59	27	43
Stockport Twn	25	13	4	8	49	40	43
Cheadle Twn	25	11	7	7	65	43	40
Holker OB	19	12	4	3	48	26	40
L'Ind REMYCA	24	11	6	7	46	34	39
Irlam	19	12	2	5	40	19	38
Ashton Twn	19	10	2	7	41	29	32
St Helens Twn	20	10	2	8	44	41	32
Bacup Boro	19	9	3	7	44	35	30
N'wich MV	24	9	3	12	43	48	30
Rochdale Twn	22	7	4	11	38	57	25
Daisy Hill	23	7	3	13	37	59	24
Chadderton	21	5	6	10	25	38	21
Widnes	24	5	5	14	47	58	20
Eccleshall	19	5	3	11	33	42	18
Atherton LR	21	4	3	14	24	63	15
Whitchurch A	24	1	9	14	25	71	12

West Midlands League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shawbury Utd	31	21	6	4	111	41	69
Haughmond	30	17	7	6	88	47	58
AFC Bridgnorth	26	18	2	6	68	25	56
Cradley Twn	28	15	5	8	67	41	50
W'Ton Casuals	30	15	5	10	72	63	50
Pegasus Jnrs	28	15	3	10	56	50	48
W'Ton Spt Com	28	14	5	9	72	52	47
Dudley Sports	27	14	5	8	57	49	47
Malvern Twn	30	14	3	13	71	54	45
Ellesmere Rgrs	27	13	5	9	58	42	44
Dudley Twn	29	11	8	10	46	52	41
Stone OA	28	12	3	13	46	56	39
Wellington	26	10	7	9	50	40	37
Smethwick Rgrs	29	10	6	13	60	78	36
BC Rgrs	29	9	8	12	47	48	35
Bewdley Twn	27	10	4	13	45	56	34
Gornal Ath	28	10	3	15	50	51	33
Willenhall Twn	30	9	6	15	49	71	33
Bilston Tn Com	28	7	8	13	37	50	29
Bromyard Twn	27	7	2	18	45	87	23
Wellington Ams	26	4	5	17	26	69	17
Tipton Twn	28	0	4	24	14	113	4

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shifnal Twn	25	18	3	4	60	30	57
AFC Ludlow	24	17	3	4	75	28	54
St Martins	26	15	2	9	67	53	47
Hereford LC	20	14	4	2	47	17	46
Wem Twn	22	12	1	9	58	44	37
FC Stafford	23	10	6	7	45	41	36
Darlaston Twn	22	10	5	7	54	40	35
Kington Twn	22	10	5	7	48	43	35
Wednesfield	18	7	6	5	33	25	27
Trysull	21	8	2	11	25	31	26
Shenstone Path	21	8	0	13	33	44	24
Wrens Nest	19	6	4	9	31	51	22
Team Dudley	21	6	3	12	42	55	21
Bustleholme	22	6	3	13	40	64	21
Penncroft	21	4	6	11	37	58	18
Bartestree	25	5	3	17	33	65	18
Wyrley	21	3	7	11	31	50	16
Worcs Raiders	19	5	1	13	43	63	16

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport Twn	19	17	2	0	75	29	53
W'Ton Utd	22	13	3	6	51	46	42
Old Wulfs	17	12	1	4	48	18	37
Telford Juniors	22	8	8	6	50	35	32
Warstone Wdrs	16	8	3	5	58	43	27
Powick Rgrs	17	7	5	5	40	29	26
Malvern U21	19	7	5	7	42	37	26
Bilbrook FC	16	7	3	6	28	30	24
Red Star Alma	16	5	4	7	40	39	19
Wonder Vaults	14	5	3	6	26	29	18
Tipton Yth AFC	20	5	3	12	43	56	18
Tividale Res	16	5	2	9	37	46	17
Sikh Hunters	18	5	3	10	35	69	15
Wrens Nest Res	21	3	3	15	26	66	12
Gornal Colts	17	3	2	12	39	66	11

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cruckton Rvrs	11	7	2	2	32	18	23
Instones Utd	8	7	1	0	31	11	22
Rock Rvrs Yth	8	6	1	1	31	15	19
Loppington	10	5	0	5	32	29	15
The Gates	10	4	2	4	22	18	14
Coton Rvrs	11	2	4	5	23	32	10
Kinnerley	11	2	3	6	29	32	9
Pontesbury	8	3	0	5	12	24	9
S.A.H.A.	8	2	1	5	17	29	7
Compasses	9	1	2	6	17	38	5

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
P'cock C'thians	13	9	1	3	49	25	28
Athletico Mkt	12	8	2	2	43	25	26
Condover Foxes	12	7	1	4	36	27	22
Bagley Sports	11	6	2	3	25	20	20
Anchor Inn	13	6	2	5	38	38	20
Beacon	10	5	0	5	24	21	15
Norbury	7	3	1	3	18	14	10
Coracle Afc	8	2	1	5	16	40	7
Rock Rvrs	12	1	2	9	27	38	5
Minsterley	12	1	2	9	22	50	5

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Radbrook	10	8	1	1	33	14	25
Unison	9	7	1	1	28	14	22
Red Barne	9	6	2	1	32	14	20
Crwn Coleham	11	6	0	5	29	36	18
Telegraph	7	5	1	1	33	12	16
Steam Wagon	9	4	0	5	21	28	12
Belvidere	11	3	0	8	25	29	9
Brockton Rvrs	10	2	1	7	22	38	7
Boars Head	9	1	1	7	17	32	4
S.A.H.A. Yth	9	1	1	7	14	37	4

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
White Lion	9	7	2	0	35	10	23
Reman Yth	10	6	1	3	25	19	19
Onslow	10	5	0	5	38	35	15
Snailbeach	7	4	1	2	21	12	13
Castlefields	9	4	1	4	16	18	13
D'stone Heath	10	4	1	5	26	35	13
Bull In Barne	9	3	1	5	18	30	10
Nags Head	8	2	2	4	24	31	8
Beeches	12	2	1	9	21	34	7

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bomere Heath	11	11	0	0	74	14	33
Dun Cow	14	10	1	3	56	27	31
Saddlers	10	7	2	1	43	27	23
Old PO Wem	13	6	3	4	42	27	21
Harlescott SC	10	5	2	3	26	26	17
Crown Abbey F	13	5	2	6	30	33	17
Dolphin Afc	10	3	4	3	29	33	13
Anchor F'well	10	2	3	5	25	38	9
Unicorn	13	3	0	10	30	53	9
Monkmoor Utd	11	2	1	8	21	62	7
Wheatsheaf	13	1	0	12	19	55	3

Sportsjam Regional League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
FC Oswestry	21	16	3	2	79	30	51
Allscott	23	15	2	6	87	27	47
Childs Ercall	17	9	2	6	46	35	29
Church Stretton	19	9	2	8	41	37	29
AFC Broseley	16	8	4	4	41	26	28
Wroxeter Rvrs	16	8	2	6	46	40	26
Rock Rvrs	14	8	2	4	33	31	26
FC Hodnet	17	7	4	6	29	26	25
O'gates Ath	18	7	2	9	44	44	23
AFC B'north Res	17	6	4	7	32	38	22
Madeley Spts	18	6	1	11	27	47	19
W'wardine Wd	19	4	4	11	27	60	16
Prees	19	4	2	13	24	64	14
Shifnal Utd 97	18	2	0	16	24	75	6

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stoke Hth 1st	12	10	0	2	38	16	30
Clee Hill Utd	10	7	0	3	44	18	21
Gobowen Celtic	11	6	1	4	31	29	19
Bishops Castle	11	5	1	5	41	31	16
AFC Wellington	9	5	0	4	21	21	15
O'gates Rgrs	11	2	0	9	16	38	6
Brown Clee	10	1	0	9	14	52	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Claverley	15	13	1	1	62	14	40
Madeley Sp Res	15	13	0	2	74	22	39
Craven Arms	18	9	2	7	53	42	29
Coven Utd	16	9	1	6	44	29	28
W'church A Res	11	8	1	2	54	24	25
St Martins Res	14	7	1	6	46	31	22
Riverside	14	7	1	6	34	27	22
Albrighton Jnr	16	5	0	11	52	39	15
Broseley Res	12	4	2	6	22	36	14
Randlay Casuals	11	3	1	7	34	38	10
Oswestry Res	14	3	0	11	35	65	9
Denso	18	1	0	17	12	155	3

Telford Sunday Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay Utd	5	5	0	0	28	5	15
Shifnal Royals	8	5	0	3	32	24	15
Cressage	4	3	1	0	15	6	10
Shifnal Nth End	8	2	2	4	13	28	8
Shifnal E'peans	6	2	1	3	17	19	7
Barley FC	9	0	2	7	16	39	2

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'dine Wood	11	8	2	1	36	18	26
C'port O'gates	14	7	3	4	45	29	24
Celtic Spartans	13	7	2	4	44	33	23
Bulls Hd DBV	12	5	2	5	36	31	17
Dawley Social	12	5	1	6	20	30	16
Riverside	9	4	1	4	11	15	13
Honeysuckle	9	4	0	5	25	34	11
Lord Hill Mkt D	14	3	1	10	30	46	10
Malt Shovel	10	2	2	6	16	27	8

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Travellers Joy	11	10	1	0	49	15	31
Dawley Wdr Vet	12	10	0	2	51	18	30
Cosford Utd	14	7	5	2	45	22	26
Bridgnorth Ath	8	7	0	1	46	14	20
Ironbrige	10	6	1	3	36	19	19
W Horse Ath	13	5	4	4	35	33	19
Hare/Hnds	13	5	0	8	22	41	15
W'dine Wd Jnrs	10	3	2	5	14	32	11
Lawley	13	2	1	10	22	45	7
Rose/Crn Stirch	14	2	1	11	27	52	7
Telford Rgrs	16	2	1	13	21	77	7

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	25	15	9	1	59	16	54
Bala Town	25	12	9	4	39	21	45
MBi Llandudno	26	13	6	7	44	32	45
Gap Connah's Q	26	12	3	11	41	32	39
Airbus UK B'ton	26	10	5	11	33	42	35
Newtown	26	9	7	10	35	41	34
Aberystwyth	26	10	5	11	39	42	35
Carmarthen AFC	24	10	4	10	35	44	34
Bangor City	25	10	3	12	36	40	33
Port Talbot	25	7	6	12	26	45	27
Rhyl FC	25	3	11	11	25	36	20
H'fordwest Cty	25	5	4	16	21	42	19

WORTHEN Walking Football Club, recently inaugurated indoors at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings, is always looking for new recruits to join in the fun.

Specifically for the over 55s, walking football is increasingly seen as a valuable means of improving fitness and exercise.

Organiser Mike Fisher, who enjoys taking part in the weekly sessions, said: "It's great fun, keeps you fit and is much harder than you'd think."

New members with all levels of football skills, or maybe none at all, are welcome, so even if you have never played you are welcome to come along for a kick around on Wednesdays between 7-9pm. Women are welcome, too, and a ladies team could be formed if there is enough interest.

The cost is only £3 per session and, with all equipment provided, you only need trainers or gym shoes to play.

Call Mike on (01743) 891383 or 07887 917466 to confirm dates in advance as sometimes the Village Hall is booked for other events.

■ Pictured: Organiser Mike Fisher, centre with ball, says newcomers are always welcome to join in the walking football sessions for over-55s at Worthen Village

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knighton	17	13	1	3	43	13	40
Penrhyncoch	15	12	3	0	44	17	39
Llanrhaeadr	17	11	2	4	51	31	35
Carno	16	11	1	4	36	13	34
Welshpool	22	9	3	10	31	37	30
Hay St Mary	17	9	1	7	49	39	28
Llanidloes	20	8	1	11	31	43	25
Ll'dod Wells	16	8	0	8	27	28	24
Aberaeron	17	6	3	8	26	37	21
Machynlleth	17	6	2	9	34	41	20
Waterloo	18	6	2	10	28	37	20
Tywyn Bryncrug	18	6	1	11	36	48	19
Bow Street	19	6	1	12	28	45	19
Montgomery	19	1	3	15	13	48	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Berriew	16	14	1	1	61	17	43
Kerry	20	14	0	6	81	27	42
Aberystwyth Un	18	13	1	4	60	29	40
Builth Wells	21	12	2	7	49	35	38
Radnor Valley	19	12	0	7	48	29	36
Churchstoke	23	10	2	11	57	53	32
Borth Utd	18	9	4	5	43	27	31
Abermule	17	10	1	6	37	37	31
Bettws	19	7	6	6	34	43	27
Presteigne	21	5	5	11	34	57	20
N'bridge-o-Wye	20	7	1	12	34	72	19
Four Crosses	22	5	3	14	38	82	18
Bont	17	4	1	12	18	47	13
Dyffryn Banw	17	3	3	11	26	38	12
Penybont	18	2	2	14	22	49	8

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caernarfon	20	14	3	3	50	17	45
Cefn Druids	19	13	2	4	39	20	41
Denbigh	21	13	2	6	51	36	41
Guilsfield	19	12	2	5	42	30	38
Gresford Athc	22	11	4	7	37	33	37
Holywell	19	11	3	5	40	21	36
Prestatyn	22	11	2	9	44	33	35
Flint Town Utd	20	10	3	7	42	27	33
Porthmadog	23	10	1	12	40	46	31
Holyhead H	21	7	7	7	31	28	28
Buckley	21	6	4	11	37	52	22
Conwy Boro	20	5	3	12	24	39	18
Llanfair Utd	19	6	0	13	28	47	18
Mold Alex	19	4	4	11	29	40	16
Caersws	19	4	1	14	21	41	13
Rhayader	20	3	3	14	20	65	12

English Rugby Clubs

National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Macclesfield	21	18	0	3	671	347	89
Sedgley Park	20	14	0	6	560	378	71
Leicester Lions	23	15	1	7	417	365	69
Stourbridge	23	14	1	8	478	361	68
Caldy	23	12	2	9	483	415	65
Harrogate	21	12	0	9	445	405	58
Otley	21	12	0	9	407	405	58
Preston Grass	21	9	3	9	407	387	51
Sandal	22	10	0	12	351	428	48
Chester	22	9	0	13	430	435	48
Tynedale	22	8	0	14	459	561	45
Sale	21	8	1	12	420	529	43
Sth Leicester	21	7	1	13	456	573	41
Luctonians	20	8	1	11	371	482	40
Broadstreet	23	7	0	16	438	566	37
Huddersfield	22	5	0	17	349	505	27

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hinckley	21	18	1	2	599	263	89
Scunthorpe	21	18	0	3	633	286	86
Old Hales	21	16	0	5	531	308	79
Nuneaton	21	12	0	9	461	354	57
P'borough Lns	21	12	0	9	463	355	54
Bromsgrove	21	11	0	10	438	535	53
Syston	21	10	0	11	411	470	52
B'ham/Solihull	21	9	0	12	379	411	47
Lichfield	21	8	0	13	450	477	47
Longton	21	8	1	12	413	474	45
Sandbach	21	8	0	13	380	451	41
N'port, Salop	21	7	0	14	370	578	33
Old N'tonians	21	6	0	15	327	536	32
Sutton C'field	21	3	0	18	343	700	18

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth	19	15	2	2	477	231	76
S'ford U Avon	21	14	0	7	581	390	71
Bournville	20	13	0	7	621	503	67
Worcs Wdrs	21	12	2	7	484	397	63
Burton	20	12	0	8	523	399	60
Whitchurch	21	11	1	9	333	373	55
Hereford	17	11	1	5	326	305	52
Stoke on Trent	19	10	1	8	425	332	52
Kenilworth	20	9	0	11	462	457	50
Dudley Kings	21	8	2	11	564	439	50
Crewe/N'wich	20	8	1	11	381	435	46
Silhillians	21	5	0	16	369	608	29
Leek	20	4	2	14	362	548	26
Walsall	20	2	0	18	251	742	12

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moseley Oak	16	16	0	0	756	166	78
Old Saltleians	17	14	0	3	461	233	64
W'ton	17	12	0	5	538	200	62
Camp Hill	17	12	0	5	509	264	62
Kidderminster	16	9	0	7	449	307	47
S'bridge Lns	16	8	0	8	430	330	41
Stafford	17	9	0	8	267	388	40
Veseyans	16	7	0	9	215	389	31
Shrewsbury	17	6	0	11	329	443	31
Old Yardleians	17	5	0	12	320	398	27
Handsworth	17	2	0	15	235	756	12
Harborne	17	0	0	17	158	793	3

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tamworth	17	15	0	2	558	132	73
N'castle, Staffs	17	13	0	4	574	240	64
Ludlow	17	12	0	5	592	335	58
Cleobury M	17	12	0	5	483	209	55
Clee Hill	16	10	0	6	324	210	49
Cannock	16	8	0	8	311	360	35
Edwardians	17	6	1	10	326	391	33
Willenhall	17	7	0	10	277	432	32
Burntwood	17	6	0	11	306	430	30
Eccleshall	17	5	2	10	206	391	23
Wednesbury	17	5	0	12	171	454	22
Bloxwich	17	0	1	16	189	733	10

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uttoxeter	15	13	0	2	493	231	63
Barton-U-N'wd	14	11	0	3	355	197	52
Bromyard	16	9	1	6	417	254	51
Telford Hornets	14	9	1	4	292	146	45
Rugeley	14	7	0	7	358	191	39
Yardley/Dist	16	7	0	9	302	295	33
Aston OE	15	6	1	8	221	339	30
Bishops Castle	13	6	1	6	156	176	29
Church Stretton	14	4	1	9	247	423	24
Aldridge	16	5	1	10	186	396	23
Market Drayton	15	1	0	14	159	538	6

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essington	14	13	0	1	405	168	61
St Leonards	15	11	0	4	438	197	56
Greyhound	15	6	2	7	343	288	38
Stourport	14	7	1	6	226	194	32
Tenbury	15	6	1	8	198	223	32
Chaddesley C	14	4	0	10	237	322	20
Warley	15	1	2	12	99	554	8

Northern Division Cheshire (South)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manchester M	18	15	0	3	704	164	75
Oswestry	17	15	0	2	494	131	68
V'bonds IOM	17	12	1	4	602	265	61
Dukinfield	18	12	0	6	555	328	60
Marple	17	10	1	6	437	279	51
Eagle	15	9	1	5	374	359	47
Heaton Moor	17	8	1	8	385	266	45
Trentham	16	6	1	9	366	403	35
Moore	17	6	1	10	345	531	33
Ramsey IOM	15	5	0	10	294	300	27
Congleton	17	5	0	12	225	461	22
Linley	18	3	0	15	199	743	16
Knutsford	16	0	0	16	75	825	-10

Midland Men's Hockey

1st Team League Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Worcester	19	16	1	2	80	40	49
L'borough Town	19	13	4	2	56	32	43
Barton	19	13	3	3	84	54	42
Bridgnorth	19	9	3	7	56	47	30
Old Halesonians	19	9	1	9	42	42	28
Edgbaston	19	6	5	8	46	56	23
Sutton Coldfield	19	6	4	9	63	75	22
Burton	19	6	4	9	55	69	22
Sikh U (Notts)	19	5	5	9	63	71	20
Cov & N W'wick	19	4	4	11	45	57	16
Hampton-in-Ard	19	3	5	11	51	74	14
Telford & Wrekin	19	3	3	13	46	70	12

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warwick	17	14	3	0	70	26	45
Warwick Uni	18	14	1	3	84	31	43
Finchfield	17	12	2	3	63	46	38
Chesterfield	17	9	2	6	64	49	29
Stratford	17	7	6	4	53	37	27
Coalville	18	7	3	8	55	47	24
Shrewsbury	18	6	3	9	56	64	21
Old Silhillians	17	5	4	8	60	66	19
Leicester	17	5	0	12	43	65	15
Melton	17	2	2	13	29	68	8
South Notts	17	1	0	16	31	109	3

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sikh U (Cov)	19	14	1	4	88	49	43
Streetly	19	13	2	4	66	38	41
Bloxwich	19	12	2	5	60	41	38
Market Drayton	19	11	4	4	63	42	37
Wednesbury	19	11	1	7	62	38	34
Aldridge & Wal	19	10	2	7	50	41	32
Ludlow	19	10	2	7	61	54	32
Bromsgrove	19	8	3	8	66	63	27
Solihull B'field	19	5	1	13	39	72	16
Kings H P'wick	19	4	2	13	35	78	14
Old Wulfrunians	19	2	3	14	26	56	9
Wolverhampton	19	2	1	16	26	70	7

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford	15	13	2	0	89	15	41
West Bromwich	17	13	0	4	75	26	39
Leamington	15	11	1	3	69	32	34
Redditch	15	11	1	3	52	22	34
Pershore	16	6	3	7	45	51	21
Evesham	15	6	1	8	33	53	16*
Newtown	16	4	4	8	24	56	13*
Droitwich Spa	15	3	1	11	30	53	10
Yardley	16	1	4	11	18	56	7
Barlaston	16	1	1	14	15	86	-2*

2nd Team West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stourport	18	15	0	3	67	37	45
Harborne	17	13	1	3	75	35	40
Worcester	17	12	2	3	62	24	38
Edgbaston	17	8	3	6	50	42	27
Warwick	17	7	2	8	51	42	23
Stratford	16	7	1	8	38	45	22
Bournville	17	6	3	8	36	35	21
Hampton-in-Ard	17	6	3	8	41	52	21
North Stafford	18	5	4	9	29	42	19
Shrewsbury	17	3	1	13	25	79	10
Stafford	17	2	0	15	35	76	6

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth	16	14	1	1	72	16	43
Stone	17	13	0	4	67	43	37*
Telford & Wrek	16	10	3	3	54	26	33
Bloxwich	16	9	3	4	48	34	30
Old Halesonians	18	8	4	6	53	33	28
Finchfield	16	8	1	7	42	37	25
Old Silhillians	18	6	5	7	45	39	23
Aldridge & Wal	17	6	2	9	41	43	20
Market Drayton	17	4	3	10	25	43	15
Solihull B'field	17	3	0	14	19	65	9
Wolverhampton	16	0	0	16	9	96	0

West Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Bromwich	18	16	0	2	95	14	48
Streetly	18	13	2	3	61	22	41
Old Wulfrunians	17	10	2	5	58	21	32
Redditch	17	11	2	4	50	37	32*
Bromsgrove	17	9	2	6	59	39	29
Wednesbury	17	8	2	7	37	44	26
Kings H P'wick	17	6	2	9	34	50	20
Droitwich Spa	17	4	4	9	26	49	16
Ludlow	17	4	3	10	24	58	15
Pershore	18	2	2	14	17	79	-1*
Evesham	17	1	1	15	11	59	-5*

Central League North West 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth IV	15	12	2	1	63	17	38
Cannock VII	15	10	1	4	44	29	31
Shrewsbury IV	16	10	1	5	38	31	31
Finchfield IV	14	9	0	5	48	34	27
O W'frunians IV	16	9	0	7	41	34	27
N Stafford IV	14	8	0	6	31	27	24
Bridgnorth V	16	4	3	9	23	36	15
T'ford & Wrek IV	16	3	5	8	23	33	14
Sutt Coldfield VII	16	1	4	11	20	51	7
Stafford IV	15	2	0	13	12	52	6

North West 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lichfield V	13	13	0	0	80	14	39
Wednesbury IV	13	10	0	3	53	22	30
Leek VI	11	8	0	3	25	17	24
West Brom IV	13	7	0	6	47	30	18*
Lichfield VI	14	8	0	6	48	32	18*
Stone IV	13	5	1	7	34	57	16
O W'frunians V	13	2	1	10	18	46	7
Sutt Coldfield IX	12	2	0	10	8	44	3*
Stafford V	10	0	0	10	4	55	0

Midland Women Hockey

Midlands Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
L'mington 1st XI	15	14	0	1	55	8	42
Uni of Brum III	15	9	5	1	40	22	32
Shrewsbury I	15	8	2	5	38	26	26
E'baston 1st XI	15	7	3	5	24	26	24
North Notts I	15	5	5	5	36	33	20
L'borough Stu II	15	6	2	7	27	35	20
Cannock II	15	4	4	7	17	26	16
Olt & W War II	15	4	1	10	29	44	13
Towcester I	15	2	4	9	21	40	10
N Stafford HC I	15	1	4	10	21	48	7

Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stone 1st XI	15	10	3	2	54	24	33
Lichfield 2nd XI	15	10	3	2	41	21	33
Harborne 2nd XI	15	10	2	3	55	23	32
Stratford I	15	8	3	4	39	23	27
Uttoxeter 1st XI	15	8	3	4	49	34	27
T'ford & Wrek I	15	8	2	5	50	37	26
B'dgnorth 1st XI	15	4	1	10	26	52	13
Shrewsbury II	15	2	5	8	21	35	11
Cannock III	15	2	1	12	12	50	7
Worcester II	15	0	3	12	16	64	0*

Shrops Ladies Hockey

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth II	18	15	2	1	83	13	47
Wem/MD I	18	14	3	1	114	13	45
Montgomery	18	11	2	5	52	21	35
T'ford & Wrek II	18	8	1	9	43	38	25
Ludlow & Wen I	18	6	2	10	27	72	20
Shrewsbury III	18	4	4	10	25	53	16
Wem/MD II	18	3	3	12	22	39	12
Ludlow & Wen II	18	2	1	15	7	122	7

J C Dyke Oswestry Table Tennis League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morda Tigers	11	11	0	0	81	29	66
Morda Exiles	12	9	0	3	77	43	63
Caereinion A	12	4	3	5	62	58	58
Morda A	10	5	0	5	52	48	46
Criftins A	13	2	3	8	44	86	44
Ll'silin Drovers	12	0	2	10	34	86	34

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ex Servicemens	9	8	1	0	72	18	53
Criftins B	8	7	0	1	66	14	46
Llansilin	9	5	2	2	58	32	44
Morda Eagles	10	2	3	5	41	59	41
Caereinion B	9	3	1	5	34	56	32
Kinnerley	9	2	1	6	28	62	24
Chirk AAA	10	0	2	8	21	79	21

Ludlow Tues Dominoes

	P	W	L	F	A
Jockey	16	10	6	92	68
Tavern	15	9	6	80	70
Blue Boar	15	8	7	77	73
Queens	15	10	5	77	73
Drifters	15	8	7	75	75
Castle	15	6	9	74	76
Wheatsheaf	15	6	9	72	78
Ludlow Club	15	7	8	71	79
Bridge	15	5	7	66	84

Telford & District Snooker League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Shifnal B	20	18	2	0	82	18	82
Maddocks A	20	17	3	0	68	32	68
Dawley A	20	15	5	0	67	33	67
Eden A	20	13	7	0	59	41	59
Hadley A	20	11	9	0	56	44	56
Shifnal E	20	11	9	0	55	45	55
Broseley A	20	10	10	0	54	46	54
Hadley B	20	9	11	0	50	50	50
Bayley E	20	11	9	0	47	53	47
Bayley B	20	8	12	0	42	58	42
Maddocks C	20	4	16	0	33	67	33
Maddocks E	20	5	15	0	32	68	32
Newport B	20	3	17	0	28	72	28
Maddocks D	20	5	15	0	27	73	27

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Eden G	19	16	3	0	69	26	69
Shifnal F	19	13	6	0	63	32	63
Dawley B	18	15	3	0	59	31	59
Eden Elite	18	13	5	0	57	33	57
Bayley D	18	14	4	0	56	34	56
Bayley Cue	19	10	9	0	54	41	54
Anstice B, D'ley	18	10	8	0	49	41	49
2nd Club A	19	11	8	0	47	48	47
Shifnal D	18	7	11	0	40	50	40
Maddocks F	18	5	13	0	35	55	35
Allscott	19	4	15	0	28	67	28
Bayley Z	18	2	16	0	26	64	26
Bayley Lads	19	0	19	0	17	78	17

Darwin Glass & Glazing Shrewsbury & District Darts League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Masonic A	22	16	4	2	117	59	36
Beacon B	22	15	5	2	113	63	35
Rock C	22	13	7	2	113	63	33
Crown A/F A	22	13	6	3	108	68	32
Heathgates A	21	11	5	5	93	75	27
Belvidere A	21	10	5	6	98	70	25
Beacon A	22	8	6	8	88	88	22
Telegraph B	21	7	7	7	83	85	21
W'sheaf F/W A	22	4	8	10	79	97	16
BITB A	22	5	5	12	67	109	15
Coach	22	3	8	11	76	100	14
Comp Dith F.C.	22	3	7	12	74	102	13
Beeches	21	2	4	15	56	112	8
AIHG	22	1	5	16	50	125	7

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eagles (Cress)	22	13	6	3	106	70	32
Charles Darwin	22	12	8	2	104	72	32
R Oak B (Rock)	22	12	5	5	105	71	29
Admiral Duncan	21	11	5	5	96	72	27
7 Stars	22	9	6	7	90	86	24
Comp Dith B	21	9	5	7	84	84	23
Onlsow	21	8	5	8	85	85	21
Masonic B	19	8	4	7	73	79	20
POW	21	7	4	10	81	86	18
GROVE	22	5	7	10	80	96	17
Crown A/F B	18	6	3	9	67	77	15
Comp Dith A	21	3	9	9	77	90	15
Bull C/Foregate	21	4	3	14	66	102	11
R Lion B/Heath	21	2	6	13	61	107	10

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Inn On Green	18	12	3	3	88	56	27
Red Barn	19	10	4	5	88	64	24
Coracle A	19	10	4	5	87	65	24
Telegraph C	18	9	6	3	80	64	24
Belvidere B	18	7	5	6	77	67	19
Woodman B	19	5	8	6	76	76	18
Woodman A	19	6	6	7	72	80	18
Comp Dith C	19	5	7	7	72	80	17
Rock A	19	6	3	10	68	84	15
Steam Wagon	18	4	5	9	65	79	13
Bagley Club	17	3	6	8	57	83	12
Comp B/Hill	18	4	2	12	54	90	10

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
(P) Monkmoor	22	18	3	1	113	63	39
BVT A	22	13	5	4	98	78	31
Brooklands	22	14	3	5	98	78	31
X Foxes	22	13	4	5	105	71	30
HSC C	22	10	4	8	94	82	24
Hare & Hounds	22	6	10	6	90	86	22
Dog in Lane A	22	8	6	8	88	88	22
Coracle B	22	7	6	9	87	89	20
Salopian Bar	22	7	6	9	81	95	20
Boars Head	22	5	7	10	82	94	17
Harry Hotspur	22	4	7	11	77	99	15
Brick A/F	22	6	3	13	75	101	15
Bell X Houses	22	4	5	13	76	100	13
Cressage Club	22	3	3	16	68	108	9

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
New Inn (Had'll)	22	15	6	1	120	56	36
Reabrook SC	22	14	7	1	111	65	35
Plough Ponts	22	13	4	5	101	75	30
Hop & Friar	22	12	5	5	100	76	29
Crwn & Scepter	22	12	4	6	99	77	28
AMF Bowling	22	9	5	8	88	86	23
HSC A	22	9	4	9	81	95	22
BITB B	22	7	7	8	89	87	21
Telegraph A	21	8	3	10	82	86	19
HSC B	22	4	8	10	76	100	16
Condover Club	22	2	9	11	78	98	13
Telepost	22	3	6	13	67	109	12
Dog in Lane B	22	1	10	11	66	110	12
Bird in Hand	21	3	4	14	66	102	10

Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
(P) C'bett Arms	20	17	0	3	118	42	34
Comp Ladies	19	14	3	2	103	49	31
Heathgates 40s	19	12	4	3	100	52	28
BVT B	19	10	5	4	81	71	25
Dolphin	19	10	5	4	89	63	25
Masonic C	20	8	3	9	78	82	19
Crown C/Ham A	20	8	2	10	76	84	18
Saddlers	20	7	2	11	78	82	16
Crown C/Ham B	19	6	3	10	68	84	15
W'sheaf F/WB	20	6	3	11	66	94	15
Wingfield Arms	20	5	2	13	66	94	12
Britannia	19	0	1	18	22	130	1

Telford Singles & Doubles Domino League

	P	F	A	P
Bulls Head B	24	118	98	47
Albion	24	121	95	46
Wendy House	24	125	91	44
Horseshoes A	24	115	101	42
Railway B	24	108	108	38
White Hart	24	112	104	37
Horseshoes B	24	109	107	36
Park Hotel	24	109	107	36
White Horse FR	24	107	109	34
Talbot	24	106	110	33
Rec Club	24	102	114	31
Bulls Head A	24	99	117	31
Railway A	24	93	123	25
White Horse WW	24	88	128	24

Elcock Reisen Broseley Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
3 Lions	14	8	6	53	45	77
Albion A	14	8	6	52	46	76
Old Boys	14	8	6	48	50	72
Down/Outs	14	7	7	50	48	71
Pressies	14	6	8	49	49	67
Albion B	14	6	8	48	50	66
Lion A	14	6	8	48	50	66
Lion B	14	7	7	44	54	65

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belvidere A	25	13	7	5	114	86	33
Boars Head	25	12	8	5	115	85	32
Frankwell CC	25	12	6	7	105	95	30
Woodman B	25	12	4	9	110	90	28
Rock A	25	11	6	8	106	94	28
Reman	25	10	8	7	105	95	28
Crown A	25	10	8	7	104	96	28
Horseshoes	25	10	7	8	101	99	27
Brooklands A	25	11	5	9	97	103	27
Telegraph CB	25	11	3	11	99	101	25
Cross Foxes B	25	9	7	9	96	104	25
Telepost	25	9	6	10	100	100	24
Compasses A	25	8	7	10	91	109	23
Unison	25	7	8	10	95	105	22
Monkmoor	25	8	5	12	98	102	21
Belle Vue Tavern	25	6	9	10	93	107	21
Prce of Wales A	25	7	1	17	90	110	15
Compasses B	25	3	7	15	81	119	13

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corbet Uff A	21	10	4	7	93	75	24
Rock B	19	9	6	4	84	68	24
Telegraph A	20	9	5	6	81	79	23
Royal Oak	19	9	4	6	84	68	22
Telegraph B	20	6	9	5	81	79	21
Rock C	19	9	3	7	76	76	21
Harry Hotspur	21	7	6	8	83	85	20
Plough	18	6	7	5	74	70	19
Corbett B	20	5	8	7	73	87	18
Red Lion	18	5	8	5	69	75	18
Cross Foxes A	20	6	5	9	73	87	17
Beeches	16	6	5	5	66	62	17
Woodman A	20	5	6	9	83	77	16
Harlescott SC	20	7	2	11	71	89	16
Bird	17	3	4	10	58	78	10

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Horseshoes A	21	10	6	5	90	78	26
Masonic B	20	10	6	4	88	72	26
Beeches B	21	10	5	6	86	82	25
Ad Duncan	21	9	6	6	94	74	24
Heathgates B	21	8	8	5	88	80	24
Masonic A	21	9	5	7	90	78	23
Bull in Barn A	21	7	7	7	89	79	21
Belvidere	20	8	5	7	80	80	21
Bagley	20	8	4	8	77	83	20
Bull in Barn B	20	6	7	7	78	82	19
Cressage	20	7	5	8	77	83	19
Rock D	20	7	4	9	76	84	18
Heathgates A	20	7	2	11	74	86	16
Red Lion	21	5	5	11	74	94	15
Red Castle	21	3	5	13	71	97	11

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Compasses BH	19	12	3	4	88	64	27
Anchor HG	19	11	3	5	89	63	25
Wheatsheaf	19	9	6	4	87	65	24
Coach	19	9	6	4	84	68	24
Prince B	20	8	5	7	82	78	21
Crown B	19	7	7	5	81	71	21
Seven Stars	18	10	1	7	77	67	21
Inn on Green	16	9	3	4	70	58	21
Dolphin	18	7	3	8	72	72	17
Brooklands	17	6	3	8	70	66	15
Brick Copthorne	17	4	5	8	63	73	13
Dog & Pheasant	17	5	3	9	59	77	13
Brittania	18	1	5	12	45	99	7
Bulls Head	18	0	5	13	49	95	5

Market Drayton & District Billiards & Snooker League

Snooker Division 1

	P	W	D	L	P
Raven	19	14	5	0	61
Newport Literary B	19	15	4	0	60
Con Club	19	8	10	1	48
Newport Literary C	19	8	6	5	44
Newport Legion A	19	5	11	3	43
Newport Legion B	19	6	7	6	35
Edgmond B	19	5	8	6	32
Hodnet B	19	4	7	8	31
Hales	19	2	8	9	28
Marchamley	19	1	7	11	28
Edgmond D	19	4	3	12	27
Newport Literary D	19	1	6	12	19

Snooker Division 2

	P	W	D	L	P
Newport Literary A	19	13	5	1	58
Market Drayton Leg A	19	12	4	3	52
Market Drayton Leg B	19	11	3	5	44
Market Drayton Leg C	19	8	5	6	40
Hodnet D	19	8	6	5	41
Newport Legion C	19	4	8	7	36
Market Drayton Leg D	19	5	7	6	36
Edgmond A	19	5	7	7	35
Hodnet C	19	6	4	9	32
Hodnet A	19	4	5	10	29
Edgmond C	19	4	5	10	29
Calverhall	19	2	4	13	23

Billiards Table

	P	W	D	L	P
Hodnet A	18	16	0	2	64
Market Drayton Leg A	18	10	0	8	47
Hodnet B	18	4	0	14	35
Market Drayton Leg B	18	6	0	12	34

Darwin Glass & Glazing Wem & District Darts League

	P	W	L	F	A	+-	P
Hole in Wall	16	14	2	105	39	66	28
Stanton Arms	16	13	3	100	44	56	26
Fox Inn	16	11	5	86	58	28	22
Castle Hotel	16	11	5	81	63	18	22
Dickin Arms	16	10	6	76	68	8	20
Prees Club	16	9	7	71	73	-2	18
Wem S & S	16	5	11	65	79	-14	10
White Lion	16	4	12	59	85	-26	8
Wem Utd Serv.	16	2	14	40	104	-64	4
Wem C C	16	1	15	37	107	-70	2

Darwin Glass & Glazing Wem & District Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	+-	P
Prees Club	16	14	2	90	54	36	28
Stanton Arms	16	11	5	83	61	22	22
Wem C C	16	9	7	78	66	12	18
Fox Inn	16	9	7	77	67	10	18
Hole in Wall	16	9	7	68	76	-8	18
White Lion	16	8	8	74	70	4	16
Dickin Arms	16	6	10	69	76	-6	12
Wem S & S	16	6	10	67	77	-10	12
Wem Utd Serv.	16	5	11	60	84	-24	10
Castle Hotel	16	3	13	54	90	-36	6

JSR Construction Bridgnorth Five-a-Side League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Grainger & Wor	18	14	0	4	46	22	42
Extraction FC	19	11	3	5	38	21	36
GTE Transport	18	9	5	4	18	15	32
Down Inn	18	9	3	6	29	15	30
B C Eagles	18	7	6	5	23	19	27
Alveley	20	7	6	7	27	25	27
Brown Clee	17	5	2	10	25	27	17
Bulldog 2012	19	4	2	13	23	45	14
Assured FC	17	1	3	13	10	50	6

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The George	17	11	5	1	46	12	38
Bamboo	17	12	1	4	46	17	37
Black Horse	18	9	4	5	22	23	31
Silverthorne OB	17	8	3	6	31	24	27
Old Castle	17	8	3	6	29	26	27
B C Beagles	17	7	6	4	15	13	27
Burwarton Ath	17	6	5	6	28	26	23
Fosters Arms	17	6	4	7	24	20	22
The Falcon	17	5	2	10	19	30	17
Claverley	17	4	4	9	18	23	16
Golden Lion	16	4	1	11	19	45	13
DV Roberts	17	3	0	14	22	59	9

Shrewsbury & District Snooker League

Division One

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Stanton A	16	13	3	53	27	57
Harlescott A	16	13	3	52	28	53
Harlescott F	16	11	5	50	30	51
Harlescott C	15	10	5	46	29	46
Unison D	15	10	5	43	32	44
Beaconsfield B	15	6	9	36	39	36
Meole Brace F	15	7	8	35	40	34
Beaconsfield A	15	7	8	33	42	33
Harlescott B	15	3	12	28	47	28
Wem USC	14	4	10	23	47	23
Meole Brace A	16	1	15	20	60	19

Division Two

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Harlescott E	14	10	4	46	24	46
Bagley B	16	11	5	46	34	45
Harlescott D	14	12	2	43	27	44
Preston B'hurst A	15	9	5	41	34	41
Meole D	14	9	5	41	29	40
Harlescott G	16	6	10	37	43	37
Bagley C	16	9	7	40	40	39
Old Shrews A	15	5	10	35	40	35
Unison E	15	5	10	31	44	31
Meole H	14	3	11	27	43	27
Bagley A	15	3	12	26	49	25

Division Three

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Meole Brace G	15	12	3	51	24	49
Wem Utd B	13	8	4	41	24	41
Wem Cons A	13	7	6	40	25	40
Unison C	13	10	3	39	26	39
Meole Brace B	14	9	5	38	32	36
Church Stretton A	13	7	6	36	29	35
Beaconsfield C	13	6	7	27	38	27
Meole Brace E	15	3	12	28	47	26
Harlescott Z	12	5	7	23	37	23
Harlescott H	15	1	14	17	58	17

Horsehay & Dawley Licensees Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Queens Head	16	11	5	82	46	82
Bulls Head B	16	11	5	79	49	79
White Horse B	16	10	6	70	58	70
Bulls Head A	16	9	7	69	59	69
Madeley CC	16	9	7	67	61	67
White Horse A	16	8	8	66	62	66
Travellers Joy	16	6	10	49	73	49
Elizabethan	16	5	11	49	79	49
Forresters	16	3	13	45	83	45

COBRA Plate hopes are left shattered

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

COBRA'S hopes of lifting some silverware this season were dashed after crashing out of the North Wales Plate with a 41-21 semi-final exit at their Swalec League division one (north) rivals Llandudno.

The Meifod side had gone into the encounter looking to bounce back from their 37-3 loss at high flying Nant Conwy the week before, that ended a four-match winning run in the league.

They were strong in set-pieces, but found themselves prised open in open play after going into the tie short of several of their regular backs.

They were also not helped by the fact the game went to uncontested scrums in the second half after the seaside hosts withdrew a couple of their props through injury.

That effectively nullified COBRA's dominance up front, with Llandudno then taking advantage to run out convincing winners as they made the most of playing on their own pitch.

The first half had been even fare, with the visitors going in at the break 19-14 down after grabbing a couple of converted tries.

Fly-half Llew Williams got the first score, and scrum half and captain Iwan Vaughan touched down for the second following a push-over from the scrum.

Converted

Both tries were converted by Williams, but the Seasiders – helped by uncontested scrums – surged clear after the interval, although No8 Jack Jukes did cross for a third try for the visitors, with Williams supplying the extras.

COBRA now face a big clash at home to Mold on Saturday as they look to stay clear of any relegation trouble, before taking a two week break due to the Six Nations Championships.

WELSHPOOL, who were held 12-12 at home to Rhos in division three (north) the previous weekend, were involved in another draw when finishing 26-26 against Bangor at Maesydre.

It was a fluctuating encounter with both sides running in four tries each, while Pool clawed their way back from trailing 18-3 at one stage.

Both sides would reflect they could have won it, with Bangor missing a kick at goal in the closing moments.

Welshpool, who have drawn three times the season, remain fourth, one place below last weekend's visitors. They bid to get back on the winning trail away to Porthmadog on Saturday.

■ It was six of the best for **COBRA's** youngsters who ran out 43-19 winners over Rhyl in the North Wales Youth League division two.

The Llanfair lads crossed the line six times, with Lee Hughes touching down twice, while Howie Laing, Brad Bennet, Angus Twigg and Bryn Roberts also went over. Will Worthington kicked five out of six conversions.

Ladies look to bounce back after narrow loss

OSWESTRY LADIES slipped to back-to-back defeats in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two when edged out 1-0 at Chester Ladies III.

Having suffered their first loss in eight outings when a depleted side went down 2-1 at Crewe Vagrants II in their previous action, the border side were looking to get back to winning ways.

But they were downed by just one goal, and will look to bounce back in this weekend's double-header, at home to lowly Knutsford Ladies on Saturday and away to Macclesfield the following day after slipping to eighth in the table.

After a week's break, Oswestry again found themselves in a competitive clash, very much like the reverse fixture

With both teams playing some nice passing hockey, the visitors' level of play improved throughout the game as they got used to the slow sandy pitch, and got their heads back into playing following a week without any action.

The build-up play which Oswestry were able to demonstrate was pleasing, and they were able to make a number of good approaches to the D.

Unfortunately, it was the final touch which was missing on the day as they struggled to get shots on goal, with Chester often cramming the D with players so as to make things as congested as possible.

With some skilful and fast paced forwards Chester demonstrated a number of opportunities on the break but, for both sides, short corners were hard to come by.

Oswestry had to make an injury enforced reshuffle part way through the second half, but the team adapted well and continued to try and push forward.

They were, however, unable to find a breakthrough and it was Chester who were able to score the only goal of the game – managing to squeeze a deflection past the keeper.

Overall, this was a good performance by Oswestry where the potential for them to turn in winning results was clear and once again, they can feel a little unlucky at the final scoreline.

However, thoughts are now turned to this weekend when they have a key double header against Knutsford and Macclesfield.

Town maintain top form with battling victory

HIGH-FLIERS FC Oswestry Town remain four points clear at the top of the Mercian Regional League premier division with a hard-fought 4-2 verdict against Madeley Sports.

After dropping two points against Rock Rovers the week before, Nick Maguire's men got back on the winning trail to maintain their title push with two games in hand.

Guy Guilford scored twice, with Chris Bishop (penalty) and Jack Harris also finding the net in an excellent victory.

Town started brightly and had chances before the visitors took the lead on 25 minutes after picking up a loose ball and rounding keeper Paul Morris.

A penalty from Bishop, after Guilford had been fouled, settled Town who were 3-1 up at the break when Harris converted a cross from winger Cal Williams and Guilford rounded the keeper for a third.

After the break, Bishop was foiled by the woodwork, but Guilford settled the issue with a lob after mis-kick by the keeper before the visitors pulled one back late on.

Town look to stay on the trail of silverware when they visit Bishop's Castle on Saturday in the quarter-final of the Shropshire Challenge Cup (1.30pm).

Captains drive in at Henlle Park

Driving in at Henlle Park (from left): Junior captain Brad Edwards, lady captain Mel Shelton and club captain Jim Fenn

A TERRIFIC turnout of members welcomed Henlle Park's eagerly awaited Captain's drive-in for 2016.

Thanks to the generosity of the members nearly £420 was raised for this year's Captains' charity. the Movement Centre.

Results

Captain Drive In Individual Stableford Men's Competition: 1 John M Evans 41pts, 2 Haydn Price 40pts (CB), 3 Wesley Rolfe 40pts

Nearest the Pin – 12th - Wesley Rolfe; Nearest the pin in two on the 7th - John M Evans

Ladies Competition: 1 Viv Davies 37pts, 2 Lynn Edwards 32pts; 3Beth Pritchard 31pts

Ladies Stableford (9 Holes): 1 Viv Davies 21pts; 2 Pam Tattersall 18pts; 3 Mel Shelton 16pts

3 Clubs & a Putter: 1 Mark Hatton 30pts, 2 Richard Hatton 28pts, 3 J M Evans 27pts

Ladies Yellow Ball (9 Holes): 1 Mary Bellis, Kathy Evans & Pam Tattersall 56pts: 2 Beryl Aubrey, Kath Gleave & Mel Shelton 50pts

Senior's Yellow Ball: 1 Arnie Elvin, Jim Richards & Terry Gleave 113pts; 2 Derek Houghton, Mike Cunningham & Tommy Telford 112pts: 3 Peter Coombes, John Bostock & Tony Davies 111pts

■ Meanwhile, the club's seniors played their Celts v English match, with the Celts being victorious.

Hughes a clever boy with win at Welshpool

FINE weather brought a strong attendance and some excellent play in the seniors' competitions at Welshpool Golf Club with Graham Hughes winning the Keith Jones Memorial Trophy with an excellent score of 30 points.

Hughes won the trophy, presented by Bernie and Sue Jones, with a three shot lead over Phil Conatable, with Richie Aymes a further shot back in third.

Winner of the Winter League competition was Sue Jones (15) with 27 points. Graham Hughes (11) was second with 26 points and Dave Read (24) was third with 24 points.

The beautiful winter's morning on Thursday drew another large attendance for the Winter League 13. This was was won by the seniors' captain Paul Butterworth (18) with 28 points. That said, Stan Rawlings (22) regained the overall lead in the competition by coming second with 26 points.

Finally, Phil Jones (26) kept up his good form coming 3rd with 25 points.On Saturday, the continuing good weather enabled the largest field seen this year to compete in round eight of the club's Winter League in medal format and here, Richard Templeton (5), excelled on the day winning with 45.5 points.

With only three rounds to go, he also leads the overall competition with 48 points.

The club's president, John Wood (22), came a strong 2nd with 46 points, leaving Justin Williams to bring up third with 47 points. Justin now lies second overall in the Winter League with 44 points and Mike Williams lies third with 39 points.

On Sunday the combination of Mark Williams (15) and Rob Williams (24) was to prove decisive in a Rabbits and Tigers event with the pair winning with 36 points.

Giving them a fair run for their money was Stephen Morris (17) and club captain John Morley (21) with 35 points, and Dai Ellis (16) and Clive Jones (22) with 33 points.

On Saturday, March 26, the club will switch from its winter 12 hole format to 18 hole competitions in traditional style, with a four-man Texas Scramble.

Controversy on board for chess club

SHREWSBURY B have taken another step towards promotion from Division Two, but not without an element of controversy in their latest victory over Telford B, whose own promotion hopes were severely dented in the process.

At issue was the eligibility of Dr Olusegan Ilesanmi, playing on board one for the B team. Telford protested that he had already played six times for the A team.

Previously ungraded, Ilesanmi received his first grading in the new list published in January – a stonking grade of 162 which would make him a big asset to any team in the first division, let alone the second.

League rules give clubs some flexibility in fielding players for their teams in different divisions, the amount of flexibility depending on how highly they are graded.

With Ilesanmi having no grading at all until recently, the Shrewsbury view was they were perfectly within their rights to field him, and Telford played under protest saying they intended to take the matter further.

In the event Ilesanmi quickly drew, and despite going behind in the running score, the day was carried for the Shrewsbury cause by wins by the veteran Norman O'Connor and captain Ian Davies.

Rival promotion contenders Newport B and Ludlow A both scored victories and remain in close touch.

In Division Three, Newport Juniors continue to impress with their talented bunch of youngsters, and their 3-1 win over Telepost C has taken them within touching distance of the promotion battle.

Os young guns down league leaders

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

A FINE team display highlighted by several young guns saw Oswestry III turn on the style to inflict a 39-12 beating of leaders Winnington Park III in the North West League division five (south)

With this being the only senior game being played at the weekend due to cancellations by opposition, team manager Steve Charmley, resisted the opportunity to draft in first team players.

Instead, he took the chance to give several Colts team players a chance to step up into the senior game, and they seized their opportunity with both hands at Granville Park.

It was a third win on the bounce for Os, which lifted them up to sixth position in the table.

Oswestry started in positive mood, with stand-in skipper Scott Dubbs leading from the front as his side came out firing.

Early in the half, the Eagles' pack worked hard to create a turnover opportunity, with stand off Aiden Guenole putting in a huge kick to clear the danger.

The line-out was messy, which resulted in an Eagles scrum near the Park line, with skipper Dubbs picking up and crashing over for the first score, Guenole converted.

Eagles were completely dominant in the forwards, taking the game to their older opposition, and their pressure saw Guenole increase the lead with a penalty.

The pattern of the game was becoming clear with the Eagles dominant, but they were not able to convert into the points their efforts deserved as two try scoring opportunities went astray when the last pass failed to go to hand.

Then came a sublime passage of play, Gaz Ellis making a break through midfield, feeding the young back line, with debutant Andy Huxtable showed huge potential with a delicate floating pass to release fellow Colt Tom Henry Jones to score an unconverted try for a 15-0 lead at the break.

In the second half. Winnington Park's scrum struggled to cope with the Eagles front row of Rogers, Jones and Dubbs, and, after using four different props, they asked for uncontested scrums.

This only spurred the hosts onwards, with the pack recycling quick ball and Guenole cut through the defensive line to score a converted try.

Eagles relaxed and allowed Park to get into the game, with good work by their pack resulting in a converted try.

With a huge 26-man squad, coach Charmley rang the changes with fresh legs, and new boy Jack Morris, running like a raging bull, scattered tacklers in his wake to create forward momentum for prop Ryan Rogers to crash over for an unconverted try.

The pattern of the game continued with the Eagles working well as a team, with great work in the centres by Adam Huxtable setting up man-of-the-match Adam Beattie to cross for another try.

Victory was rounded off by the try of the game by far, with stand off Guenole slotting a cross field kick to Rich Davies on the wing.

Davies then chipped through for Will Napper to gather and offload brilliantly in the tackle, to allow Guenole to score another converted try.

Park scored a late consolation try but Eagles thoroughly deserved their victory with some exceptional performances from Josh Jones, Adam Huxtable, Aiden Guenole and Will Pickles.

On Saturday, Oswstry's first team entertain Trentham, the seconds welcome Macclesfield IV, and the third team travel to Congleton. On Sunday the Colts play Vale of Lune, all games 2pm.

Evans above as Morda march on in the Cup

GOALS from Harry Davies and impressive new signing Jamie Evans enabled Morda United to overcome a spirited and youthful Llanrhaeadr reserves side 2-1 to keep their flag flying in the Llansantffraid Village Cup.

Both teams struggled on a bumpy and heavily grassed Llan pitch that had not seen action since mid November.

The hosts had the first chance when Mikey Roberts fired over from a long ball but Jamie Evans, an early substitute for the injured Tom Stedman, soon made an impact when feeding Davies who opened the scoring for Morda midway through the first half.

Llanrhaeadr then came a little more into the game and equalised through a Gers Harris penalty, harshly awarded when a bad bounce connected with his John Butler's arm.

The visitors soon hit back when goalkeeper Josh Thomas's long clearance fell to Jamie Evans, and the experienced striker celebrated his return to the club by beating his marker before firing home.

Playing up the hill after the break, Morda dominated the second half, with the bulk of their attacks built down the right hand side with Jack Jones and Nathan Richards displaying the skills necessary to cope with the difficult pitch.

Up front Harry Davies, Emlyn Williams and Jamie Evans were constant threats for the home defenders.

Evans went close to adding to the score several times, but the visitors could find no further way past the home defence and keeper Sion Kelly.

Latest golf returns from your club

CLEOBURY MORTIMER

Men's Double Roll Up: L Hodges 44pts; A Cook 41pts (c/b); R Moorecroft 41pts.

HENLLE PARK

3 Clubs & A Putter: M Hatton 30pts; R Hatton 28pts; J M Evans 27pts.

Pairs Stableford: P Price & P Jones 76pts; J Harris & R Morris 69pts; R Tattersall & R Grindley 66pts.

Ladies' Yellow Ball (9 Holes): M Bellis, K Evans & P Tattersall 56pts; B Aubrey, K Gleave & M Shelton 50pts.

Seniors' Texas Scramble: G Bellis, J Cheetham & G Nicol 24.45pts; T Telford, M Aubrey & T Dodd 24.55pts; A Elvin, F Woolnough & C Chare 25.5pts.

OSWESTRY

Sunday Morning Draw For Partners Four Ball Better Ball Medal (15 Holes): J Harris & J Lawes 51; A Harrison & C Chilles 52; R Rees & S Owen 53; F Mottram & W Woodward 54 (c/b); G Huggett & S Roberts 54.

Ladies' Draw For Partners AM-AM Waltz Stableford (18 Holes): H Whiting, M Male, G Woolham 66pts; K Jones, R Othen, V Challinor 65pts (c/b); A Barker, M Brogden, R Wigley 65pts (c/b); J Foster, B Bewley, D Jones 63pts.

(9 Holes): H Ward, S Kelly, S Wilson 36pts; M Evans, P Murfin, B Warner 35pts; J Williams, J Mitchell, P Davies 33pts.

THE BROW

Winter League: P Morris 25pts; P Fairbank 22; P Shore 20 (c/b); K Abbott 20 (c/b).

Like father, like son for rally team

THE DMACK Team will kick off its first ever challenge for the MSA British Rally Championship (BRC) title when Elfyn Evans and Max Vatanen hope to repeat history on the Mid Wales Stages this weekend.

The two drivers are aiming to follow in the footsteps of their fathers, both former British rally champions. Welshman Evans, from Dolgellau in mid-Wales, and Oswestry based co-driver Craig Parry have had a stunning start to their season so far, taking WRC 2 victory on both rounds this year.

Armed with a little local knowledge, Evans is hoping the switch to gravel will help him continue that form when the Newtown-based event gets into gear on Saturday.

St Martins stray from winning path

THIRD placed St Martins lost their way after slipping to a 3-2 defeat away to Shenstone Pathfinders to dent their challenge in the West Midlands League division one.

The Saints were the stronger side but struggled to adapt to the uneven surface as Shenstone's long ball tactics proved more effective in the bumpy conditions.

The Pathfinders were ahead on 10 minutes when Josh Haston pounced on a long ball after the visitors failed to clear, a lead that stood at half time.

St Martins had plenty of possession, but struggled to seriously test keeper Cameron Bliss who was fortunate not to be penalised when handling the ball outside his own box.

Andy Charlton then doubled the home lead after the interval following after another long ball posed problems, but the Saints stormed back with two goals in five minutes.

Jamie Hands pulled one back from the penalty spot after a handball offence. and James Durman fired the leveller following a Shin Miah corner.

However, hopes of returning with some reward were dashed when Shenstone grabbed what proved the winner through John Longmore following another long ball upfield.

The Saints have no game this weekend, before returning to duty the following Saturday away to Team Dudley, a side they defeated 3-2 at home just a few weeks back.

■ Wem Town went down 1-0 to first division title contenders Shifnal Town at the Butler Sports Club Ground.

Wem, who head to struggling Wyrley, were always likely to be up against it once left winger Mattie Owen was sent off in the 35th minute.

Wem were ultimately beaten by a solitary goal just before the hour as they tasted defeat for the first time since December 5.

Llanfair's wings are clipped by Bluebirds

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LLANFAIR United have been dragged back towards the basement mire in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after going down 2-0 at home to fellow strugglers Caersws.

Mark Griffiths netted the first on 14 minutes and Josh Hartrick bagged a second five minutes into the second half as the Bluebirds ran out deserving winners to lift themselves off the foot of the table.

Griffiths, now back at the club after a short spell at Newtown, linked up well with Hartrick to score the first, while the visitors carved several good chances with Daryl Rogers hitting the bar.

Hartrick gave Caersws some breathing space with a second soon after the interval, and there was no way back for Llanfair despite their improved efforts in the second period.

It was a big win for the Bluebirds while Llanfair, despite remaining fourth from bottom, continue to look over their shoulders at the sides below them.

Boss Rhys Stephens had no complaints about the result, with United looking flat in the first half.

Although they upped the ante after the break, they rarely looked likely to find a way through the tight Caersws rearguard.

GUILSFIELD moved up to fourth in the table with a comfortable 4-1 home victory over struggling Rhayader Town – and had enough chances to have at least doubled their tally.

After their recent frustrations with the weather and Welsh Cup, it was a welcome return to league duty for the Guils who dominated proceedings.

Mark Davies scored twice, his first with a cross-shot after just four minutes. before Daffyd Caruthers fired the Weirglood men level from a rare shot at goal.

However, the Guils were back in front at half time as Aeron Edwards made it 2-1 four minutes before the break from a Jake Cook cross.

Davies then got his second on 64 minutes after a well worked move, before player boss Dan Barton rounded off the scoring on 77 minutes when heading home after coming on as substitute.

Saturday's fixtures

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30): Buckley Town v Gresford Athletic, Caersws v Conwy Borough, Llanfair United v Holywell Town, Porthmadog v Flint Town Utd, Prestatyn Town v Gulsfield, Rhayader Town v Caernarfon.

Central Wales Cup fourth round (2pm): Machynlleth v Llanrhaeadr, Aberaeron v Builth Wells, Cardigan Town v Kerry.

■ While their first team were losing, there were better fortunes for Llanfair reserves who reached the semi-final of the Emrys Morgan Cup with a 3-2 victory away to Crannog.

Toby Evans, Matt Bumford and Josh Astley were on target, and United were due to meet Dewi Stars at Llanidloes' Victoria Avenue on Wednesday night.

■ Despite fielding just 10 players, Welshpool Town Ladies secured a fine 3-1 victory away to Llandrindod Wells in the Silverfish North Powys Ladies League

It was a great team performance with debutants Robyn Dunham and Clara Finnegan excelling.

All the goals came in the second half as Pool raced into a three goal lead through 16-year-old duo Ellie Davies and Zoe Adams and 17-year-old-Emma Morris before Llandod pulled a goal back in stoppage time.

High fives for super New Saints

The New Saints winger Adrian Cieslewicz on the charge in his side's 5-0 victory over Airbus UK

GREG Draper continued his rich vein of form with a first half brace as The New Saints tightened their grip on the Dafabet Welsh Premier title race with an emphatic 5-0 home success over Airbus UK.

With the chief challengers Bala Town going down 3-2 at Llandudno the night before, the Saints took full advantage to extend their lead at the top to a commanding nine points with just seven games remaining.

And leading the way again was Draper who made it seven goals in the last three games, with the New Zealand marksman opening his account on 17 minutes before getting his second seven minutes into first half injury time.

The game had been held up moments before when Airbus defender Andy Jones was taken to hospital suffering from concussion after hitting the ground when heading the ball.

Airbus had their chances but the Saints underlined their dominance by striking three more times after the interval to wrap up an impressive victory.

Defender Phil Baker headed home a corner on 47 minutes, before Jamie Mullan and substitute Scott Quigley made it an ultimately comfortable afternoon for the defending champions with further goals on 66 and 72 minutes respectively

Draper, who has impressed on his return to the starting line-up in recent weeks, was again among the goals as he gave TNS a 17th minute advantage after Adrian Cieslewicz's inviting cross had been dummied by Matty Williams.

Airbus, who have proved troublesome opponents for the Saints in the past, had their moments, forcing several corners as they looked to get back on terms.

However, the match was then stopped when Jones sustained a nasty looking head injury after falling to the ground when heading the ball, and the Wingmakers never recovered after that.

Moments after the game resumed, Draper added his second to double the lead after latching onto a defensive mistake before firing past keeper James Coates.

Powerful

Despite trailing 2-0 at the break, the Wingmakers had threatened, with James Murphy firing just wide of the target and Jordan Barrow tested home keeper Paul Harrison with a powerful strike.

There was no way back for Airbus, however, once Baker headed n from close range from a corner just two minutes into the second period.

The league leaders went close to a fourth moments later when Cieslewicz dribbled nearly the length of the pitch before setting up Williams who was thwarted by a fine save from Coates from just inside the box.

However, the Saints did extend their lead midway through the half when winger Mullan cut in from the right hand side and smashed his shot into the net, giving Coates little chance.

Quigley then came off the bench, and got in on the act by hammering home a fifth goal on 72 minutes with one of his first touches of the game.

Airbus went close to a consolation when substitute Liam Blake struck the bar from the edge of the box.

The Saints have now scored 16 goals in their last three outings after beating Barry Town 5-2 in the Welsh Cup, and winning 6-0 at Newtown in the league.

■ TNS' league clash at chief rivals Bala Town, which was postponed due to a waterlogged surface at Maes Tegid, has now been rearranged for Tuesday, March 15 (7.45).

Meanwhile, Newtown are still looking for their first victory since the mid-season split in the Welsh Premier after a second half penalty condemned them to a 1-0 defeat at Connah's Quay.

The Robins had won their previous four visits to the Deeside Stadium, but found their resurgent hosts a tougher nut to crack as a spot kick from Callum Morris settled the issue.

The decisive moment in an uninspiring affair came on the hour when Nathan Woolfe was upended in the box by defender Rob Williams, and Morris made no mistake.

Llan back up to third after fine away win

LLANRHAEADR returned to winning ways as they came from behind to secure a 2-1 success away to Llandrindod Wells to keep alive their challenge in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

After the disappointment of their 6-1 hammering at Abergavenny Town in the quarter-final of the FAW Trophy the week before, it was a positive response from Llan who are now up to third in the table, and five points behind leaders Knighton Town.

After falling behind to a penalty midway through the half, the villagers levelled six minutes before the interval when Kieran Evans lobbed in from 25 yards after the home keeper had headed into his path after advancing out of his box.

Evans then had an assist as Llan got their noses in from on 65 minutes when his free kick was nodded in by Endaf Owens.

Striker Iwan Matthews then had an effort ruled out for offside, but the visitors would have been happy with their efforts after a barren few weeks.

A late headed goal from substitute Dean Evans downed **WATERLOO ROVERS** in their 2-1 reverse at home to title chasing Penrhyncoch at Maesydre.

Arron Lemon had given Penrhyn a 67th minute lead when poking the ball home, but Rovers were back on terms seven minutes from time through Nick Roberts.

But the visitors regained the lead from their very next attack as Lemon swung a cross into the box and Evans headed into the net.

Penrhyn remain second, one point behind Knighton Town who were 1-0 winners at home to Bow Street.

WELSHPOOL, who gained their first win of the year the week before, were edged out 1-0 at Aberaeron, but remain fifth.

Rock bottom **MONTGOMERY,** despite heading for relegation from the first division, earned a battling 1-1 home draw with Tywyn Bryncrug. However, they are 16 points adrift at the foot of the table with time running out.

Llanidloes Town halted a three match losing run with a welcome 2-1 victory over Machynlleth at Victoria Avenue, Rhys Evans netting a penalty and Charlie Proctor getting the other with a free kick.

Karl Seliaerts netted a brace as **BERRIEW** maintained their push for the second division crown after running out 3-0 home winners against Radnor Valley. Richard Davies also on target.

The Rhiewsiders are now one point above Kerry who stayed in the promotion hunt after prevailing 2-0 at Bont to move up to second, ahead of Aberystwyth University who had no league action.

Sixth placed **CHURCHSTOKE** succumbed 2-1 at Bettws to lose ground on the leading pack while Abermule were held 1-1 at home by Presteigne.

At the other end of the table, **DYFFRYN BANW** halted a recent slump with a 1-1 draw with Borth United. Alwyn Jones gave Banw a first half lead, but they remain second from bottom.

FOUR CROSSES are in the bottom four following their 2-0 reverse at home to Newbridge while Builth Wells were 2-1 victors against basement strugglers Penybont.

Jones in frame for top award

WELSHPOOL Rugby Club's junior academy director Barry Jones is in the running for a Welsh Rugby Heroes award.

Jones is a finalist in the competition run by the Welsh Rugby Union, and could earn the club £5,000 in under armour equipment should he win the public vote.

Since taking over the club's junior academy in 2011, Jones, who is also secretary of the North Wales Rugby Union. has overseen a massive growth in junior playing numbers.

Last year, he was named Montgomeryshire Sports coach of the year and received a Welshpool Town Council community award.

Stephens is hoping for big response

LLANFAIR UNITED boss Rhys Stephens is looking for a strong reaction as his side continue their Cymru Alliance survival battle in Saturday's home clash with Holywell Town.

Their fate hangs in the balance after last weekend's disappointing 2-0 home loss to fellow strugglers Caersws who lifted themselves off the foot of the table courtesy of the vital win.

Stephens admit his side struggled to get into their stride, while the Bluebirds fully merited the spoils and avenged a defeat earlier in the season.

"We should have been up and flying, but it never happened for us," he said.

"We were flat in the first half. In the second half we were better. However, I've got no complaints about the result as Caersws were the better team. It is very tight in the league, we always have been looking over our shoulders."

Guilsfield boss Dan Barton says his side need to be more ruthless despite brushing aside struggling Rhayader Town 4-1 at Clos Mytton.

Victory lifted the Guils up to fourth, and well placed to challenge the leaders in the Cymru Alliance. But Barton, whose side face a tough test at Prestatyn Town on Saturday, wants to sharpen up in front of goal.

Chances

"It was a good win, we'll take that, but the only disappointing thing was that we should have scored a lot more, we had chances." he said.

Mark Davies led the way with a brace, and was only denied a hat-trick by the offside flag, while Aeron Edwards and Barton himself also found the net.

Guilsfield host Spar Mid Wales League title-chasers Penrhyncoch in the Central Wales Cup fourth round on Tuesday.

Five-star Carno ended Llansantffraid Village's interest in the Central Wales Cup as they ran out 5-0 winners at Teflan to reach the quarter-finals where they will host Aberaeron or Builth Wells who meet this weekend.

Berriew were frustrated as their tie at home to Llanidloes Town was again postponed, it will now be played on Tuesday, March 15.

The winners will host either Machynlleth or Llanrhaeadr who play on Saturday.

Adele proves big hit at the Brits

ADELE Nicoll continues to prove a hot shot in the world of athletics after producing another stunning display to land a bronze medal at the Senior British Athletics Championships in Sheffield.

The Welshpool shot putter threw a massive personal best of 15.91m to get on the podium at one of the country's top indoor events – 22cm further than the 19-year-old's previous personal best that she achieved just the week before.

The Cardiff University student, and former Oswestry Olympian, powered to the British University shot putt title with a throw of 15.69m. It was almost two metres ahead of her closet rival, and was 11cm short of the British University record.

Half the league will relegate grass

FOOTBALL

THE NEW SAINTS were the first to play on a 3G pitch in the Welsh Premier – but by next season half the 12-team league will be using synthetic surfaces.

Increasingly wet winters and the demand to use pitches every day of the week have now seen Bala Town and Aberystwyth Town receive the go-ahead to play on an artificial surface.

Both have secured grant aid to install the hi-tech surfaces by the start of the next season, and will follow in the footsteps of TNS, Newtown, Airbus UK and Llandudno.

Officials say it now makes more financial sense to use their facilities all year round, and even more clubs are set to go down the same road in the near future.

It raises the prospect of the Welsh Premier one day becoming a 3G league, despite warnings in some quarters of the dangers of playing regularly on non-grass surfaces.

Wales manager Chris Coleman backs the introduction of new pitches at Bala and Aberystwyth.

"When you think of the awful weather the country has experienced in recent months, the 3G facility allows players of all ages and abilities to enjoy the game of football throughout the year," he said.

As well as 3G pitches, the league is committed to improving all surfaces, either artificial or grass, by 2017.

Planned improvements to grass pitches will come courtesy of funding the league receives from Welsh language broadcaster S4C.

League secretary Gwyn Derfel said: "A significant amount of S4C's financial investment in the Welsh Premier will be directed towards improving the quality of grass pitches over the next two seasons, which will complement the FA of Wales' investment in the 3G strategy."

TNS CHASING TREBLE NO.2

HOLDERS The New Saints look to move a step closer to an unprecedented back-to-back domestic treble when they tackle Newtown in the Welsh Cup at Park Hall on Saturday.

The high-flying Saints are clear favourites to prevail in the last-eight tie, a repeat of the 2015 final.

They have hit form at the right time with 16 goals in their last three outings and have not lost a domestic match at home since November 2012.

Having already lifted the Word Cup, while moving nine points clear at the top of the Welsh Premier, they now chase a semi-final place in the principality's prestigious cup competition.

Standing in their way is a Newtown side who crumbled 6-0 at home to the Saints just a few weeks back in the league, and who lost 4-1 in their last visit to Park Hall.

With a repeat of last season's treble a realistic possibility, TNS boss Craig Harrison will not be reading too much into the statistics.

"We have scored 16 goals in our last three games, and conceded two, so we have hit a bit of form at a very important time," he said.

"But we won't be getting carried away. We have already won the Word Cup, and are sitting in a good position in the league. But there is still a long way to go, and nothing is in the bag yet."

Harrison will be looking for the same desire that saw his side put six goals past the Robins in their last outing. "We were excellent from the first whistle to the last, everyone was hungry," he added.

TNS beat Newtown 2-0 in the cup final at Latham Park last term.

And boss Chris Hughes knows the Mid Wales side will have to hit the ground running, having failed to win in their last four outings.

Saturday's Welsh Cup quarter-finals (2.30pm unless stated): Airbus UK v Bala Town, Cardiff Met v Connah's Quay (5pm), Cwmbran Celtic v Port Talbot (2pm), The New Saints v Newtown.

Meanwhile, TNS' league clash at chief rivals Bala Town, postponed due to a waterlogged surface at Maes Tegid, has now been rearranged for Tuesday, March 15 (7.45pm).

Mile End golfers win in USA

The victorious Mile End team at the famous 16th hole at Scottsdale, (from left) professional James Davies, Colin Amyes, Paul Davies and Dave Thomas

GOLFERS from Mile End warmed to the challenge to pull off a stunning victory in America when lifting a sun-drenched 2016 Scottsdale Classic Pro-Am.

For a number of years, the club's PGA professional James Davies has taken a team to the USA to enter the Arizona event organised by The American Golf Holiday tour company.

And this time the Shropshire border club stormed to victory as the 16th annual staging of the popular tournament served up an exciting conclusion to the PGA Tour's popular WM Phoenix Open.

Playing the same course in the Scottsdale Classic three days later, the players savoured the experience, particularly entering "The Coliseum" via the tunnel at the famous par three 16th hole.

In the Pro-Am team event, the lead changed hands through the week, but a superb final round of 16 under secured pro Davies and his Mile End team of Colin Amyes, Paul Davies and Dave Thomas, a popular victory by two shots over the four rounds.

The victorious quartet were in hot form in the sunshine and near record temperatures which hit the high 80s throughout the week.

James himself also managed a creditable fifth place finish in the Professional's Individual event with a four-round total of plus two.

Eagles are told top three will go up

TITLE-CHASING Oswestry have learned that the top three teams will automatically be promoted from rugby's Cheshire South this season.

The fourth-placed club will go into the play-offs.

It means that the Granville Park men – currently lying second – look well set to step up to the South Lancs Cheshire One next term. Oswestry are seven points clear of third-placed Vagabonds and have a further point in hand over Dukinfield, fourth.

But the title remains their focus when they host Trentham on Saturday, looking to cast aside the frustration of last weekend's postponement at Warrington side Eagle.

Having relinquished pole position the previous week following a 25-13 reverse at Heaton Moor, the border men suffered more frustration when told at 12.10pm on Saturday that the Eagle pitch was unplayable.

Their lack of action allowed leaders Manchester Medics to move seven points clear at the top following their 39-7 win, ironically also against Heaton Moor, but Os do have a game in hand.

Oswestry II, who have suffered four defeats in a row in the North West League division four (south), bid to stop the rot when they host Macclesfield IV on Saturday.

Across the border, **COBRA** face a big clash at home to Mold on Saturday as they seek to stay clear of any relegation trouble in the Swalec League division one (north).

They bid to bounce back from last week's 41-21 loss at Llandudno in the semi-final of the North Wales Senior Plate.

WELSHPOOL, who drew 26-26 against Bangor at Maesydre last weekend, also hope to find winning ways away to Porthmadog on Saturday.

Remarkably, Pool have drawn three times this season.

Cae Glas cricketers get back in the nets

WITH the cricket season just around the corner, indoor nets will be getting under way for Shropshire League club Cae Glas early next month.

The first indoor nets session takes place at Ellesmere College next Tuesday, March 8, with a prompt 8pm start, and will run now from every Tuesday to April 12.

Meanwhile, building continues apace on the club's new pavilion at Gatacre, with the outer shell nearing completion, while plastering and work one the internal electrics is taking shape.

The major external work to bring the mains gas supply from the top of Gatacre Avenue to the pavilion will take place at a later date.

The club are grateful to WREN, Sport England and Oswestry Town Council for funding the building works and to Kronospan and Howden's for sponsoring the laminate flooring and kitchen respectively.

The club has also been successful in attracting an award from the Mary Hignett Fund.

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